

GIACOMO PUCCINI

THE CLOAK
(IL TABARRO)

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Characters

MICHEL, the owner of the barge. *Baritone*

LOUIS, a stevedore. *Tenor*

TINCA, a stevedore. *Tenor*

TALPA, a stevedore. *Bass*

GEORGETTE, Michel's wife. *Soprano*

FRUGOLA, Talpa's wife. *Mezzo soprano*

Stevedores. A vendor of songs. Midinettes. An organ grinder. Two lovers.

Michel is in his fifties. His wife, **Georgette**, is twenty-five years old.

Her lover, **Louis**, is about twenty. **Tinca** is about thirty-five.

Talpa is in his mid-fifties. His wife, **Frugola**, is fifty.

The scene is Michel's barge, which is anchored in the Seine. The barge fills almost the entire front of the stage, and is joined to the wharf by a gangplank. The Seine curls away in the distance. In the background is seen the silhouette of old Paris. In particular the majestic structure of Notre Dame stands etched against the crimson splendor of an incredibly beautiful sky.

To the right, in the background, are seen the tenements that border on the river front. In the foreground tall elms are in full bloom.

Michel's is the typical barge of the Seine. The wheel of the rudder is visible above the top of the cabin. The cabin itself is tidy and well kept, with its neat little windows painted green, its chimney, its flat roof surrounded by a fence and brightened by pots of geraniums. Some wash is drying on the line. To one side of the cabin door hangs a cage of canaries.

It is sunset.

GIACOMO PUCCINI

THE CLOAK

(IL TABARRO)

(THE CURTAIN RISES BEFORE THE MUSIC BEGINS)

(Georgette is busy with a variety of tasks. She takes in the wash that has been drying on the line. She

(IL VELARIO SI APRE PRIMA CHE INCOMINCI LA MUSICA)

(Giorgetta è intenta a diverse faccende; ritira alcuni panni stesi ad asciugare; cava un secchio d'ac-

Andante moderato calmo $\text{♩} = 58$

hauls a bucket-full from the river and waters her flowers. She cleans the canaries' cage.)
qua dal fiume e inaffia i suoi fiori; ripulisce la gabbia dei canarini.)

(Michel is by the wheel, immobile, staring into the sunset. His pipe has
(Michel, colla pipa spenta, è immobile presso il timone guardando il

gone out. On the bank of the river stands a cart drawn by a horse. Sacks of cement have been piled upon the cart. Stevedores are coming out of the lower deck of the barge, carrying heavy sacks on their shoulders, which they pile on
sole che tramonta. Sulla sponda della Senna sta un carro con un cavallo; sacchi di cemento vi sono accatastati. Alcuni uomini vanno e vengono; gli scaricatori salgono dalla stiva col loro sacco pesante sulle spalle e lo portano sul

(A long whistle is heard from the siren of a tugboat.)
(Suono prolungato di sirena di rimorchiatore.)

the cart.)
carro.)

(Some stevedores come up from the hold of the barge.)
(Alcuni scaricatori salgono dalla stiva.)

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a tempo

(A distant automobile horn)
(Cornetta d'automobile lontana)

(Distant tugboat whistle)
(Sirena più lontana di rimorchiatore)

(More stevedores come up from the hold)
(Altri scaricatori salgono dalla stiva)

mf *cresc.* *f*

poco rit. *a tempo*

dim. *p*

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

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pp

G.

rit.

O Michel, Mi.chel, how much long - er will you stand there
O Mi-che-le?... Mi-che-le?... Non sei stan-co d'ab-ba-ci-nar - ti al

star - ing at the sun - set Is it such a pret - ty
so - le che tra-mon - ta? Ti sem - bra un gran spet -

G. sight? I oft-en wonder what's on your mind, as you— so
-ta-co-lo? Lo ve-do be-ne: dal-la tua pi - pa il fu-mo

MICHEL - MICHELE

It is.
Si-cu-ro!

a tempo, leggermente mosso

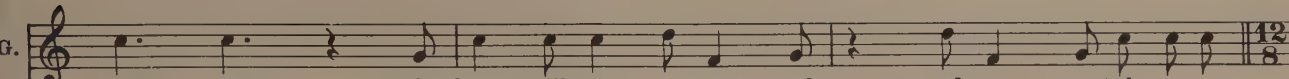
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G. (eagerly)
(premurosamente)
calm - ly smoke your pipe! Shall I look be -
bian - co non sbu-fa più! (pointing to the stevedores)
(accennando agli scaricatori) Vuoi che di -

M. Have they finished their work?
Han fi - ni - to lag - giù?

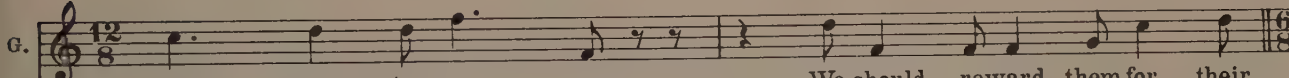
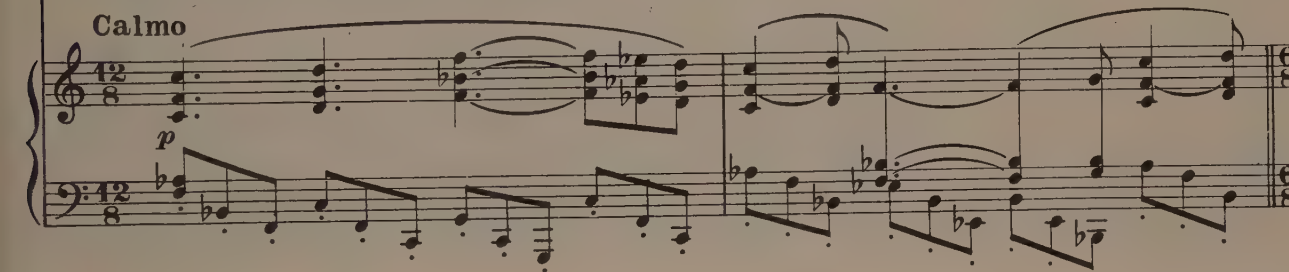
G. low? End-less the day and drear - y! And the men so
-scen-da? Han la - vo - ra - to tan - to!... Come a vean pro -

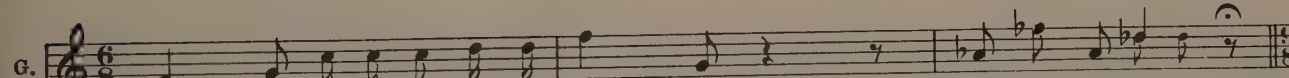
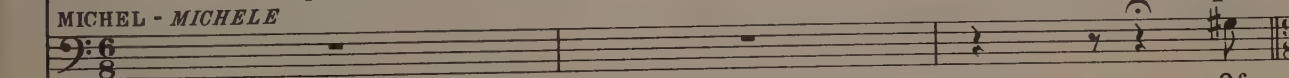
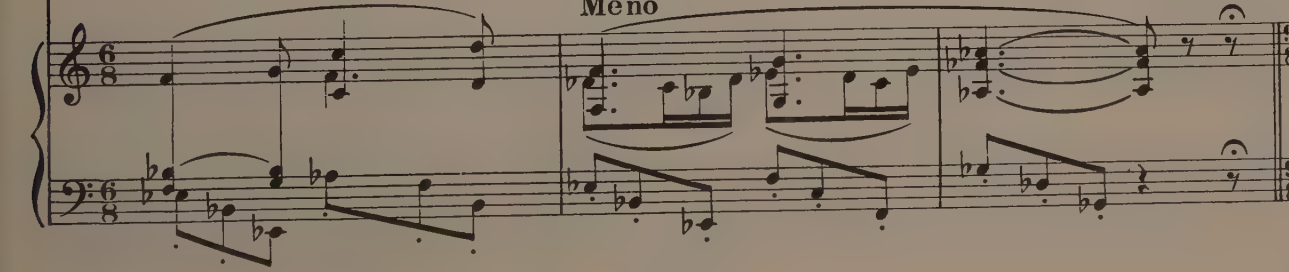
M. No. Stay here. I'll go my-self.
No. Re-sta. Andrò io stes-so.

G.  12/8
 wear - y. The boat will soon be emp - tied, and we cantake a new
 -mes - so, la sti - va sa - rà sgom - bra, e per do-man si po -
 (almost spoken, as from a distance)
 (quasi parlato-con voce lontana)

STEVEDORES (Basses) (from the depths of the barge)
 SCARICATORI (Bassi) (dal disotto del barcone)

Yo! Heave ho! Wo!
 Oh! Is - sa! oh!

G.  12/8
 car - go to-mor - row. We should reward them for their
 - tra ca - ri - ca - re. Bi - so - gnereb - be com - pen -
 Celli  *p*
 Calmo  *p*

G.  6/8
 la - bor. Shall I serve some re-fresh - ment? Something to drink!
 -sa - re que-sta lo - ro fa - ti - -ca: un buon bicchie-re. *p*
 MICHEL - MICHELE  6/8
 Of
 Ma
 rit.  6/8
 4 Meno

M. *course. You think of ev-eryone heart of gold!*
cer - to. Pen-si a tut - to, cuo-re d'o-ro!

Tenors (spoken) (from within the barge)
Tenori (parlato) (interno-dalla stiva)

Yo! Heave ho! Wo! Three more to go!
Oh! Is - sa! Oh! Un gi-ro an - cor!
 (with heavy accent and in the distance)
 (con accento pesante e con voce lontana)

Basses (spoken)
Bassi (parlato)

Yo! Heave ho! Wo! Work with a will, o my com-rades!
Oh! Is - sa! Oh! Se la - voriam senza ardo - re,

I. Tempo

p ma ruvido *pp* *pp*

M. *You can bring out the bot.tle.*
Por - ta lo - ro da be - re.

STEVEDORES - Basses
 SCARICATORI - Bassi

Do not de-lay, or my sweet Margue-rite will wan-der a -
si re - ste - ra ad or - meg-gia - re, e Mar - got con al - tri ne an -

mf *p*

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

They've almost finished. This will raise their spir - its.
So - no alla fi - ne: prende - ran - no for - sa.

M. *There's no - thing so re -*
Il mio vi - nel lo

- way!
- dra.

p *mf*

M.

fresh- ing as wine that's good and cold.

smor- sa la se - te, e li ri- sto - ra.

(heavily accented)

(con accento pesante)

Some Baritones and Tenors
Alcuni Baritoni e Tenori

Basses (spoken)

Bassi (parlato)

Do not des- pair, o my com - rades,

Non ti stan- car, bat- tel- lie - re;

Yo! Heave ho!

Oh! Is - sa!

Wo! Two more to go!

Oh! Un gi- ro an- cor!

Viole

p

(Some Baritones and Tenors)
(Alcuni Baritoni e Tenori)let us not tarry, or my fair Mar- gue - rite an - oth - er will
do - po po - tra- i ri - po - sa- re, e Mar - got fe - li - ce sa -

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

(moving away a little)
(scostandosi un poco)MICHEL (drawing close to Georgette affectionately)
MICHELE (avvicinandosi a Giorgetta affettuosamente)Of you? Why
A te?... CheOf me, you were not think - ing.
Ea me, non hai pen - sa - to?5 mar- ry!
- rà!

G. say that?
co - - sa?

(putting his arm around her)
(cingendola con un braccio)

M. You seem so in - diff' - rent. Yet in my heart the
Al vino ho ri - nun - cia - to; ma, se la pi - pa è

smorzando

pp

M. flame of love burns brightly as ev - er.
spen - ta, non è spen - to il mio ar - do - re...

Tenors - Tenori (heavily accented and as from a distance)
(con accento pesante - con voce lontana)

Be of good cheer, o my com - rades,
O - ra la sti - va è vuo - ta - ta,

Baritones - Baritoni

Basses (spoken)
Bassi (parlato)

One more to go!
Un gi - ro an - cor!

Yo! Heave ho! Wo!
Oh! Is - sa! Oh!

Flauti

p

fp

p

fp

STEVE DORES
SCARICATORI

(He kisses her. Georgette offers him her cheek instead of her lips.)

(La bacia: Georgetta gli porge la guancia e non la bocca)

(descends to the hold)

(s'avvia verso la stiva e vi discende)

M.

Just one kiss, my be - lov - ed...
Un tuo ba - cio, o mio a - mo - re...

STEVEDORES - Tenors
SCARICATORI - Tenori

soon we shall part, and my dear Mar - gue - rite will yield me her
chiusa è la lun - ga gior - na - ta, e Mar - got l'a - mor ti da -

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

LOUIS (passing from the wharf on to the barge)

LUIGI (passando dalla banchina sul barcone)

You must be
Lo pen -

This heat is really stif - ling!
Si sof - fo - ca, padro - na!

heart.

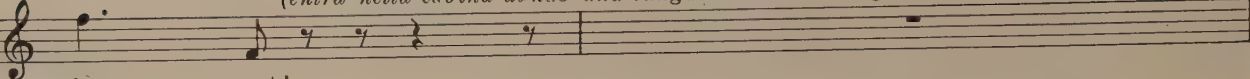
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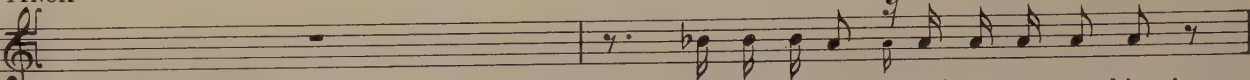
p con calma

G.

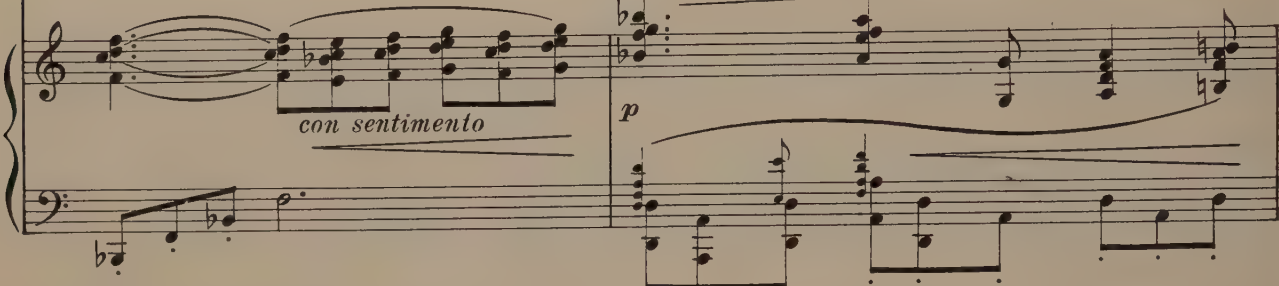
thirst - y. I'll bring you some wine, you will find it most
- sa - vo. Ho quel che ci nuo - le. Sen - ti - re - te che

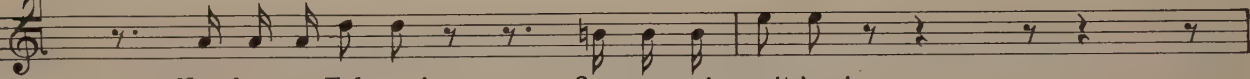
(enters the cabin, giving Louis a long meaningful look)
(entra nella cabina dando una lunga occhiata a Luigi)

G.  pleas - ant!
vi - no!

TINCA  (coming out of the hold with a sack on his shoulders)
(uscendo dalla stiva col carico sulle spalle)

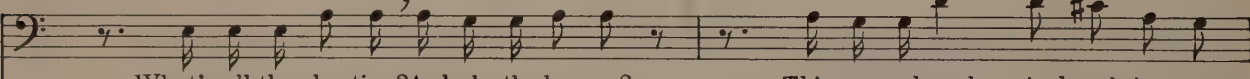
Oh what a life! My bones are aching!
Sac-chi dan-na-ti! Mon-do bir-bo-ne!

 *con sentimento* *p*

Tin.  Now hur-ry, Tal-pa!
Spic-cia-ti, Tal-pa! Our supper's waiting!
Si va a man-gia-re!

 *f* *p*

TALPA (coming out of the hold with a sack on his shoulders)
TALPA (salendo dalla stiva con un carico sulle spalle)

 What's all the shouting? And why the hur-ry?
Non a-ver fret-ta, non mi sec-ca-re!

This cursed sack is breaking my
Ah! que-sto sac-co spac-ca il grop-

 *f* *p*

(shaking his head and wiping the sweat from his forehead with the back of his hand)
(*scotendo la testa e tergendosi il sudore col rovescio della mano*)

Pal. back! Beastly weather! What a scorcher! And one more trip to go.
-po-ne! Diolche cal-do!... O Lu-i-gi an-co-ra u-na passa-ta.

LOUIS (pointing to Georgette who carries a pitcher of wine and glasses)

LUIGI (indicando Giorgetta che reca la brocca del vino e i bicchieri)

ben ritmato
Here comes our lovely ho-stess! Come on, boys, we're drink-ing! Now all—to
Ec-co-la la pas-sa-ta!... Ra-gaz-si, si be-ve! Qui, tutti in-siem

7 Allegretto con vivacità ♩ = 184

(Everybody responds to his call, surrounding Georgette who distributes the glasses.)
(*Tutti accorrono alla chiamata, facendosi intorno a Giorgetta che distribuisce i bicchieri*)

L. -ge-ther! Hur-ry, quick-ly! Good friendship and—wine—in—
le-sti! Le-sti! Pron-ti! Nel vi-no tro-ve-rem l'e-ner-

sciolte

GEORGETTE-GIORGETTA (laughing)
(ridendo)

But you speak like a po - et! My friends, Come, you are all in -
Co - me par - la dif - fi - cile!... Ma cer - to: vi - no alla com - pa -

(drinks)
(beve)

L. vite us to joy! —
- gia per fi - nir! —

8

p

And.

(pours the wine)
(mesce da bere)

G. vit - ed! Come, Tal - pa! And Tin - ca!... Come all! And take it!
- gni - a! Qua, Tal - pa! Al Tin - ca!... A voi! Pren - de - te!

TALPA

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Now let us raise our
Al - la sa - lu - te

mf p

Tal. glass - es: a toast to the mis - tress! Come, one and all!
vo - stra il vi - no si be - va! S'al - zi il bicchier!

brillante

mf

goes off with his load of cement after having drunk a glass of wine.)
con il suo carico di cemento, dopo di aver bevuto un bicchiere di vino

Tal. 

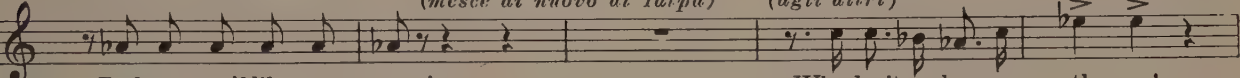
Drink up! Gai-ly! You are so very kind, and we thank you so
Be - vo! Vi - va! Tan - ta fe - li - ci - tà per la gio - ia che



GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

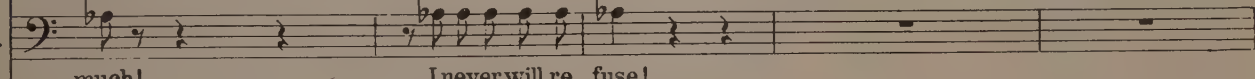
(pours more wine for Talpa)
(mesce di nuovo al Talpa)

(to the others)
(agli altri)

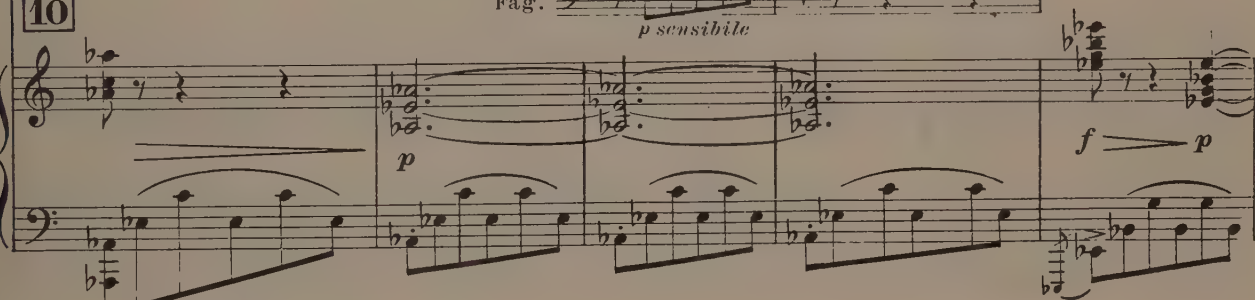


Perhaps you'd like some more! Why don't you have an - oth - er!
Se ne vo - le - te an - cor!... A - van - ti coi bic - chie - ri!

(wiping his lips with the back
of his hand)
*(si asciuga la bocca con il dorso
della mano)*

Tal. 

much! I never will re - fuse!
dà! Non si rifiu - ta mai!

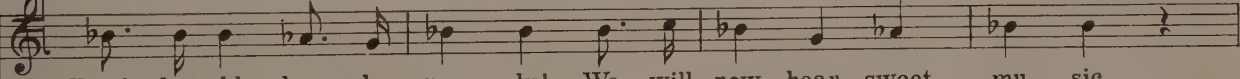
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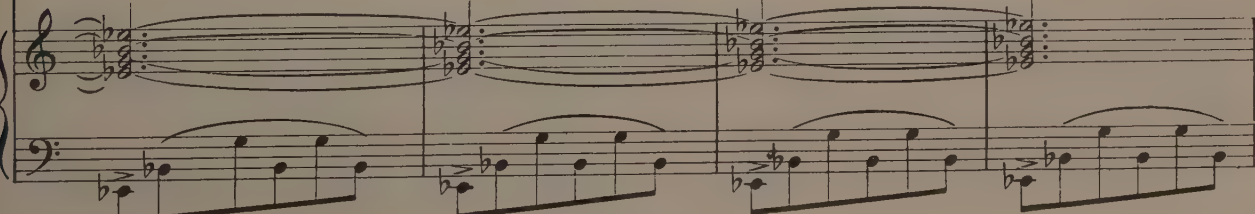
p sensibile *f* — *p*

LOUIS (pointing to an organ grinder who is passing on the wharf)
LUIGI (*indicando un suonatore di organetto che passa sulla banchina*)

(calls the organ
grinder)
*(chiama il suona-
tore ambulante)*



Here's that old hur - dy - gur - dy! We will now hear sweet mu - sic.
Guar - da là l'or - ga - net - to! È ar - ri - va - to in buon pun - to.



TINCA (raising his glass)
 TINCA (*alzando il bicchiere*)

Wine, best of all com - pa - nions! Re - lease us from sad - ness!
In - que - sto vi - no af - fo - go i tri - sti pen - sie - ri.

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Red.

(to Georgette, who pours more wine)
 (*a Georgetta che mesce ancora*)

Tin. Here's to your health! Good luck! Thank you kind - ly!
Be - vo al pa - dron! Vi - va! Gra - zie, gra - zie!

Tin. Life's on - ly joy I find — in drain - ing my
L'u - ni - co mio pia - cer sta qui in fon - do al bic -

LOUIS-LUIGI (to the organ grinder)
 (*al suonatore*)

Come here! Pro - fes - sor! Right here!
Ei, là! Profes - so - re! Vien qua!

glass!
-chier!

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GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

(to Louis, as though to induce him to dance with her)
(a Luigi, come per sedurlo a ballare con lei)

(to the others)
(agli amici)

I en - joy on - ly
Io ca - pi - sco u - na

L. You will now hear an ar - tist!
Sen - ti - re - te che ar - ti - sta!

G. one kind of mu - sic:
mu - si - ca so - la:
mu - sic that's made for
quel - la che fa bal -

G. danc - ing. (coming forward as the first candidate)
TINCA - la - re. (si fa avanti per il primo)

At your ser - vice!
Ma si - cu - ro!

As your part - ner you'll
Ai suoi or - di - ni

G. (laughing)
(ridendo)

Good I ac - cept with
To'! Io ti pren - do in pa -

Tin. find me quite a danc - er!
sem - pre, e gam - ba buo - na!

pp

G. *pleas-ure.*
-ro - la. (happy)
(contento) (Tinca and Georgette dance)
(Il Tinca e Georgetta ballano)

Tin. I'm stepping with a la - dy!
Bal - lo con la pa - dro - na!

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Tempo di Valzer moderato ♩ = 176

Fls.

(Hand organ - Organetto)
p Cls.

2 Red.

LOUIS (Louis and Talpa cover their ears against the screaming of the hand organ)
LUIGI (Luigi e il Talpa si tappano le orecchie alle stonature dell'organetto)

(laughing)
(ridendo)

Then
La

L. why don't you step in time with the mu - sic?
mu - si - ca e la dan - sa van d'ac - cor - do.

(They laugh, and all the more so because Tinca cannot keep in step with Georgette.)

(Si ride; ma si ride anche di più perchè il Tinca non riesce a prendere il passo e a mettersi d'accordo con Giorgetta)

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LOUIS (to Tinca, who is dancing like a bear)
 LUIGI (al Tinca che balla strisciando i piedi)

One more and you will surely crack the pave-ment!
 Sem - bra che tu pu - li-sca il pa - vi - men - to!

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

Ouch! That's my lit-tle
 Ahi! m'hai pe-stato un

15

toe!
 pie - de!

LOUIS - LUIGI

(pushing Tinca and replacing him)
 (allontanando il Tinca con una spinta e sostituendolo)

(Dances with Georgette who sways languidly in his arms)
 (balla con Giorgetta; questa si abbandona languidamente fra le braccia di Luigi)

Stop!
 Va'!

Let me, now it's my turn!
 La-scia! Son qua io!

Archi

pp leggero

16

pp

a tempo

(Michel comes out of hold)
(Michele appare dalla stiva.)

pp

poco rit.

17 a tempo

p

TALPA

(The two leave off dancing.)
(I due smettono di ballare.)

Say, fel.lows, here's the mas - ter!
Ra - gaz - si, c'è il pa - dro - ne!

(Louis motions the organ grinder to stop and gives him a coin. The organ grinder leaves. Louis and the other stevedores descend into the hold, while Michel approaches Georgette.)

(Luigi fa cenno di smettere al suonatore e gli dà una moneta - il suonatore se ne va. Luigi e gli altri scaricatori scendono nella stiva, mentre Michele si avvicina a Georgetta)

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

(after having smoothed her hair, to Michel with exaggerated casualness)
(dopo essersi ravviati i capelli, a Michele con stentata naturalezza)

cantando

Tell me, for I am curious:
Dun-que, che co-sa cre-di?

G. is it Mon-day that you plan to sail a-gain?
Par-ti-re-mo la-set-ti-ma-na pros-si-ma?

MICHEL - MICHELE

We'll see.
Ve-dre-mo.

18
espressivo

G. Will Tal-pa and Tin-ca comewith us?
Il Tal-pa e il Tin-ca re-sta-no?

MICHEL - MICHELE

And Lou-is will al-so join us.
Re-ste-rà an-che Lu-i-gi.

G. *Yes-ter-day you did not think so.*
Ie - ri non lo pen - sa - vi.

M. *But now I do.*
Ed og - gi, pen - so.

G. *And why?—*
Per - chè?—

A VENDOR OF SONGS (offstage, from afar)
 VENDITORE DI CANZONETTE (interno, un poco lontano)

Who will buy — my lat - est bal -
Chi vuol l'ul - ti - ma can - zo - net -

19 Arpa *p*

sentito

G. *MICHEL - MICHELE*

He always seem to
Quel - lo s'ar - ran - gia

I do not want him to die of star - va - tion.
Perchè non vo - gliò ch'egli cre - pi di fa - me.

V. *- lads?*
- ta?

Celeste

Violini

G. man - age.
sem - pre.

M. I know: he takes things eas - y. And for this rea - son
Lo so: s'ar - rangia, è ve - ro. Ed è per que - sto

V. Who will buy them? —
Chi la vuol le? —

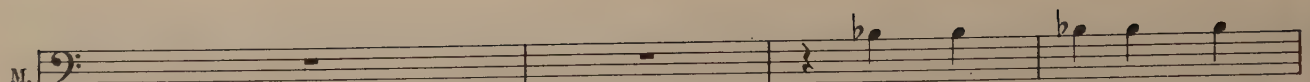
G. (annoyed)
(seccata)
With you, one never knows if you're sat.is.fied or not!
Con te non si sa mai chi fa ma - le o fa be - ne!

M. he'll never be suc.cess - ful.
che non concluda nul - la.

V. (closer)
(più vicino)
Who will
Chi la

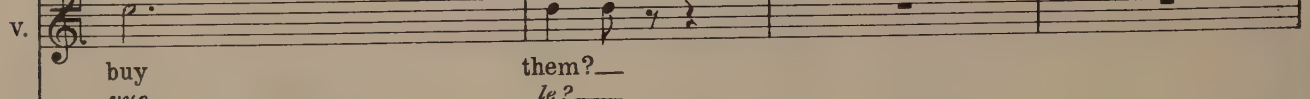
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poco rit. a tempo rit.

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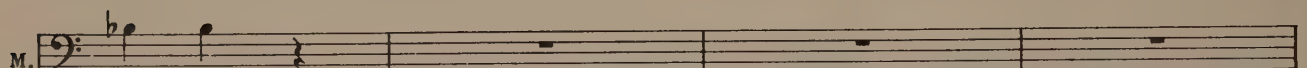
M.  He who works makes a
Chi la - vo - ra si

V.  buy them? —
vuo le? —

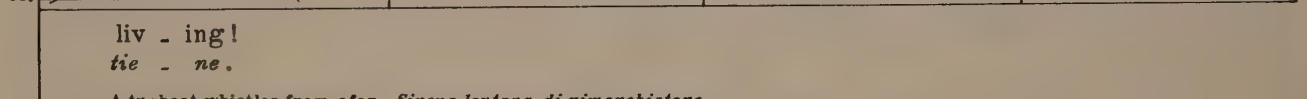
a tempo

Arpa  *pp*

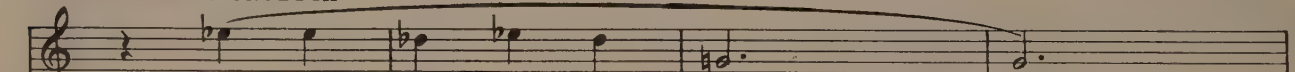
 *pp* *f>*

M.  liv - ing!
tie - ne.

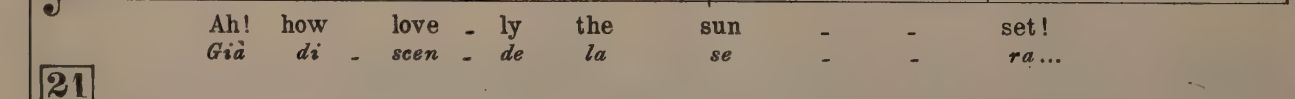
A tugboat whistles from afar - *Sirena lontana di rimorchiatore*

 *pp*

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

 Ah! how love - ly the sun - - set!
Già di - scen - de la se - - ra...

[21]

 *pp*

G. How I long for the quiet and peace of
Oh che ros - so tra - mon - to di set -

G. eve - ning. Yet sad is the end of
- tem - bre! Che bri - vi - do d'a - u -

p

G. sum - mer! The sun is drenched in
- tun - no! Non sem - bra un gros - so a -

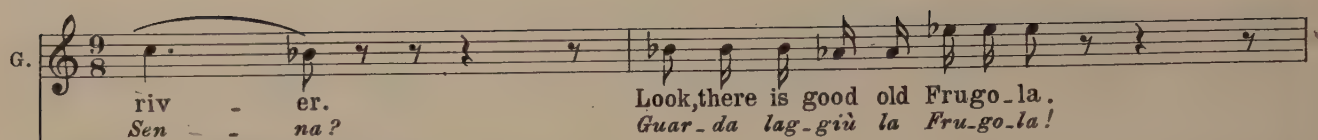
cresc.

G. blood, sink - ing low up - on the si - lent
- ran - cio que - sto so - le che muo - re nel - la

affrett. un poco

poco rit.

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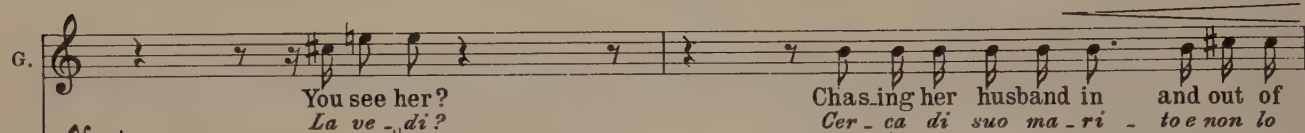
G. 
 riv - er. Look, there is good old Frugo-la.
 Sen - na? Guar-da lag-giù la Fru-go-la!

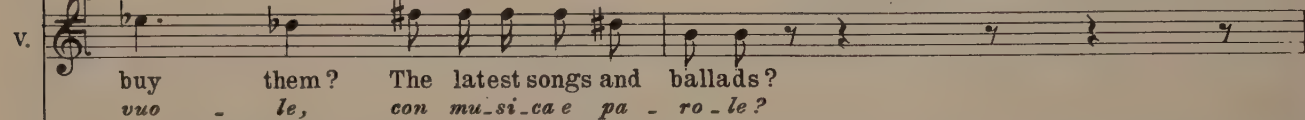
A VENDOR OF SONGS (Still closer)
 VENDITORE DI CANZONETTE (Più vicino ancora)

22 Quasi lo stesso movimento $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$.
espressivo

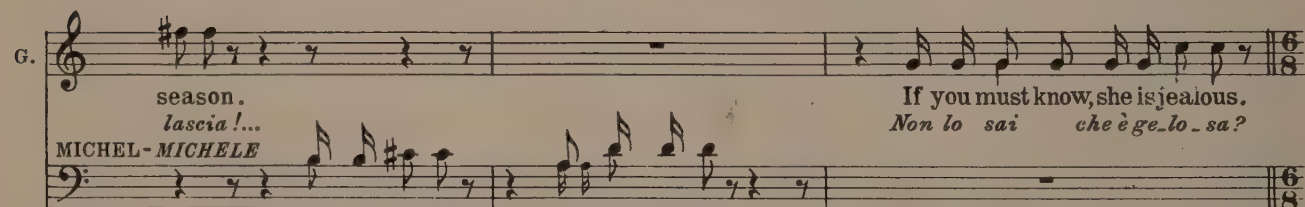
Who will
 Chi la


p

G. 
 You see her? Chasing her husband in and out of
 La ve-di? Cer-ca di suo ma-ri-toe non lo

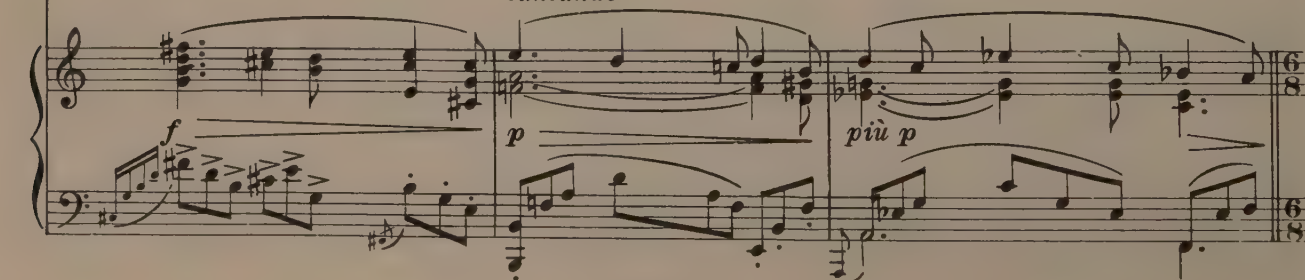
V. 
 buy them? The latest songs and ballads?
 vuo-le, con mu-si-ca e pa-ro-le?


p

G. 
 season. If you must know, she is jealous.
 lascia!... Non lo sai che è ge-lo-sa?
 MICHEL-MICHELE

And with reason! He drinks too much!
 È giusto. Beve trop-po!

cantando


f *p* *più p*

(scrutinizing Michel)
(scrutando Michele)

G. 23

O Mi -
O mio

G.
-chel, how strange you seem this evening. But why? What ails you? And why so silent?
uomo, non sei di buon u - mo - re! Che hai?... Che guardi?... E perchè ta - ci?...

(The vendor of songs, on a street across the Seine, is followed by a man who carries a small harp slung across his chest. They are surrounded by a few *midi-nettes* who are coming out of a dressmaking establishment.)

(Il venditore di canzonette sulla strada al di là della Senna, seguito da un uomo che porta una piccola arpa ad armacollo. Alcune Midinettes, che escono da una casa di mode, lo attorniano.)

A VENDOR OF SONGS
VENDITORE DI CANZONETTE

Who will buy my
Chi la vuol

(The man with the harp has put down his instrument and seated himself on a small folding stool. He is ready to play. The vendor of songs makes ready to sing and the *midi-nettes* to listen.)

(L'arpista ha deposto lo strumento, si è seduto su un piccolo sgabello portatile e si accinge a suonare; il venditore di canzonette è pronto a cantare e le Midinettes ad ascoltare.)

Sopr. (Only three)
(Tre soli)

Will you sing them?
Be - ne! be - ne!

Sopr. (Three others)
(Tre altri)

Please do!
Sì, sì!

V.
songs, my charming bal - lads?
l'ul - ti - ma can - zo - net - ta?

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

No in - deed, you nev - er mis - treat me!
 Lo so be - ne: tu non mi bat - ti!

MICHEL - MICHELE
 Have I made you un - hap - py?
 T'ho mai fat - to sce - na - te?

In the
 Pri. ma -

24 Allegretto ♩ = 112
pp *il più piano possibile*

I de -
 Ai si -

Do I neg - lect you?
 Che? lo vor - re - sti?

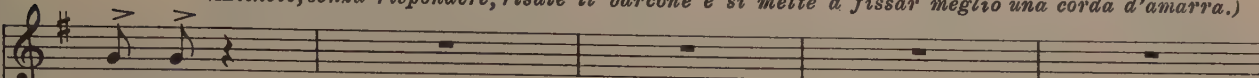
spring time, in the month of May, we no longer see the
 - ve - ra, pri - ma - ve - ra, non cer - ca - re più i due a -

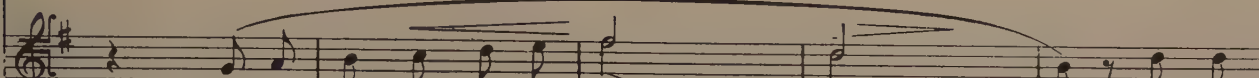
test your si - lent brood - ing, I'd pre - fer it if you would curse and
 - len - xi tal - vol - ta, sî, pre - fe - ri - re i li - vi - di di per -

lov - ers who were care - free and so gay.
 - man - ti là fra l'om - bre del - la se - ra.

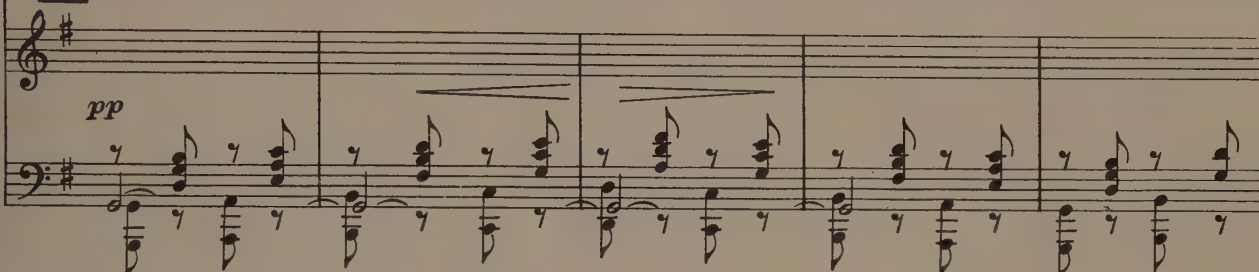
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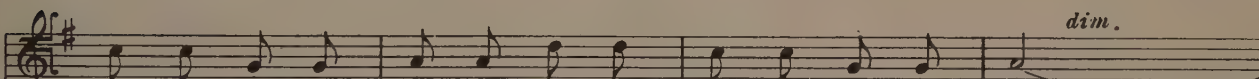
(Michel, without answering, moves towards the prow and busies himself with fixing a cable.)
 (Michele, senza rispondere, risale il barcone e si mette a fissar meglio una corda d'amarra.)

G. 
 beat me!
 - cos - se!

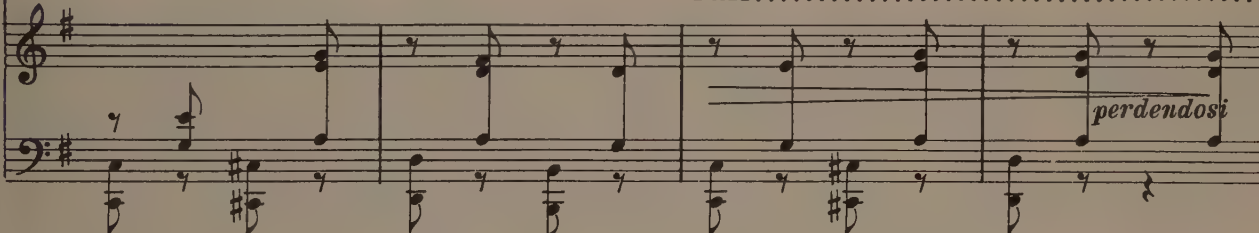
V. 
In the spring time when the heart is free, those who
 Pri - ma - ve - ra, pri - ma - ve - ra! Chi ha vis -

Clar. 
 25 *pp dolce*


pp

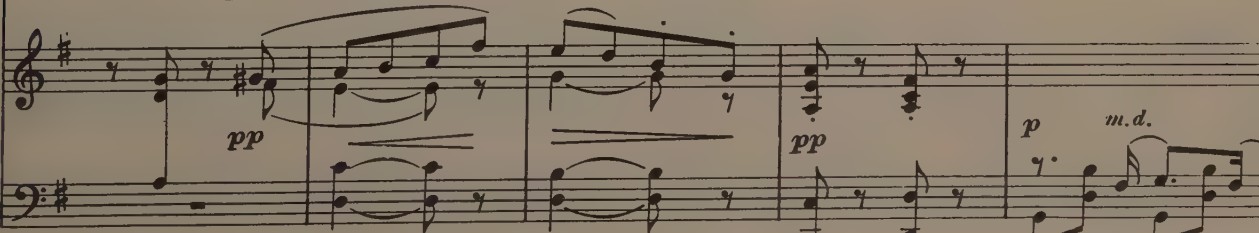
V. 
lived for love re - gret it, it is ver - y plain to see.
 - su - to per a - mo - re, per a - mo - re si mo - ri.

rall:.....


perdendosi

V. 
 That's the sto - ry of Mi - mi!
 È la sto - ria di Mi - mi!

quasi a tempo..... a tempo


pp *pp* *p m.d.*

(The girls buy the song and two of them go off reading it.)
 (Le ragazze comprano la canzonetta e due se ne vanno leggendola)

GEORGETTE (who has followed Michel, insisting)
 GIORGETTA (che ha seguito Michele, con insistenza)

Tell me now, what's the mat_ter?
 Dim - mi al - me - no che hai!

dolce
p

MICHEL - MICHELE

corta

No_thing... no_thing!
 Nul - la!... Nul - la!...

A VENDOR OF SONGS
 VENDITORE DI CANZONETTE

26 He who knows that death a - waits
 Chi aspet - tan - do sa che muo -

corta
a tempo
mf
pp

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

When we stay here in Pa_ris I am al - ways so
 Quan-do sia - mo a Pa - ri - gi, io mi sen - to fe -

pp

G. *hap-py!*
- li - ce! What's wrong?
Per - ché?

MICHEL (Calmly)
 MICHELE (Calmly)

I be - lieve you.
Si ca - pi - sce.

filled. _____
cuo - re, As for those who yield to love's
con - ta ad o - re le gior - na

Clar.
 27 *pp*

pp

V. *sweet* _____ *call, they will know such bit - ter grief when love's fick - le heart is*
- te. Ma l'a - man - te non tor - nò e i suoi bat - ti - ti fi -

rall:.....

V. *dim.*
stilled. _____ *Like the heart of poor Mi -*
- nî _____ *anche il cuo - re di Mi -*
 quasi a tempo a tempo

dim. *pp* *pp*

(The vendor of songs goes off followed by the harpist. The girls disperse, reading the copies they have bought and repeating the last stanza of the song.)

(Il venditore di canzonette s'allontana seguito dall'arpista; le ragazze, leggendo sui foglietti comperati, sciamano, ripetendo l'ultima strofa della canzonetta)

V. *- mi.*
[28] *- mi!*

p

MIDINETTES

Six sopranos - Sei Soprani

(offstage and distant)
(interno lontano) *corta*

[29] *As for*
Con.ta ad

corta *pp*

allontanandosi

those who yield to love's sweet call, they will know such bitter
o - re le gior - na - te, ma l'a - man - te non tor -

(Frugola has appeared on the wharf. She crosses the gangplank and comes on the barge. She carries on
(La Frugola è apparsa sulla banchina, attraversa la passerella e sale sul barcone. Ha sulle spalle una vec-
sempre allontanandosi)

dim:..... pp

grief when love's fickle heart is stilled *la - rà, la - rà, la -*
- nò e i suoi bat - ti - ti fi - ni *la - rà, la - rà, la -*

dim:.....

her shoulder an old bag filled with the junk that she is always collecting.)

-chia sacca gonfia di ogni sorta di roba raccattata)

FRUGOLA

Good eve - ning, you de -
Oe - ter - ni in - na - mo -

perdendosi.....

- ra, — like the heart of poor Mi - mi —
- ra, — an - che il cuo - re di Mi - mi!

a tempo

mf

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

Good eve - ning to you, Fru - go - la!
Oh buo - na se - ra, Fru - go - la!

vot - ed pair of lov - ers.
- ra - ti, buo - na se - ra.

30

Poco meno

p

6

Now
Il mio

(Michel, after having waved to Frugola, goes into the cabin.)

(Michele, dopo avere salutato con un gesto la Frugola, si allontana ed entra nella cabina.)

tell me, is my hus - band still work - ing? When he
uo - mo ha fi - ni - to il la - vo - ro? Sta - mat -

p

pp

F. woke in the morning, he was aching and stiff with pain. But
 - ti - na non ne po - te - va più dal mal di re - ni. Fa -

F. soon I found the remedy!
 - ce - va pro - prio pe - na.

F. Rubbed him with lots of rum, didn't spare the bottle, till his
 Ma l'ho cu - ra - to io: u - na buo - na fri - zio - ne e il mio

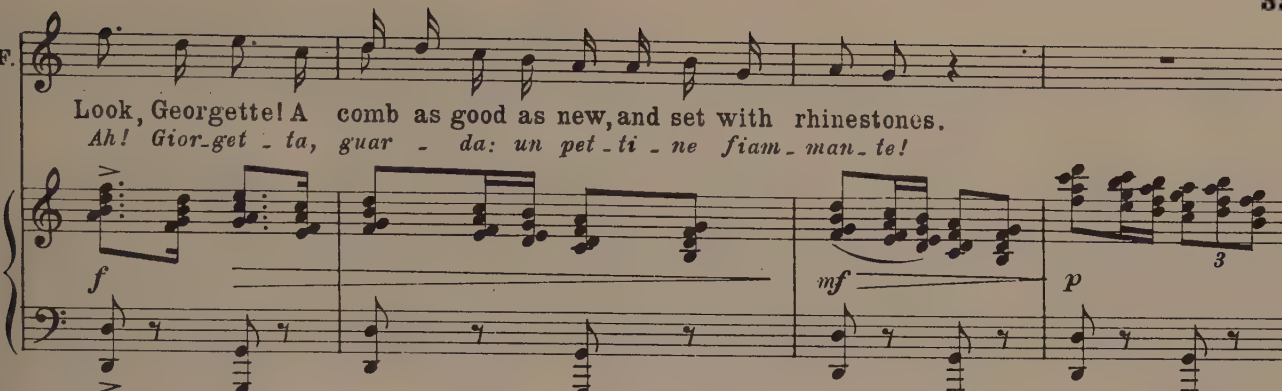
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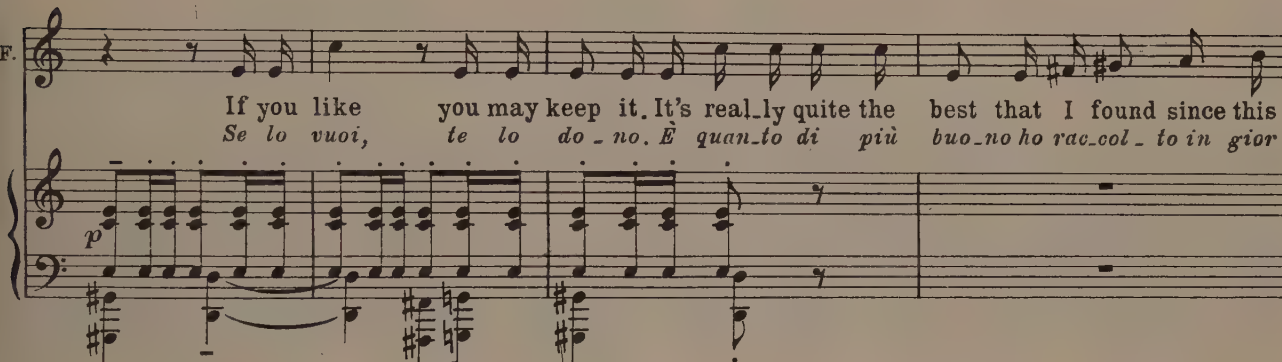
(Laughs coarsely. She then throws the bag on the floor and digs into it with voluptuous pleasure, extracting various objects.)

(Sghignazza forte, poi getta a terra la sacca e vi fruga dentro con voluttà, cavandone vari oggetti)

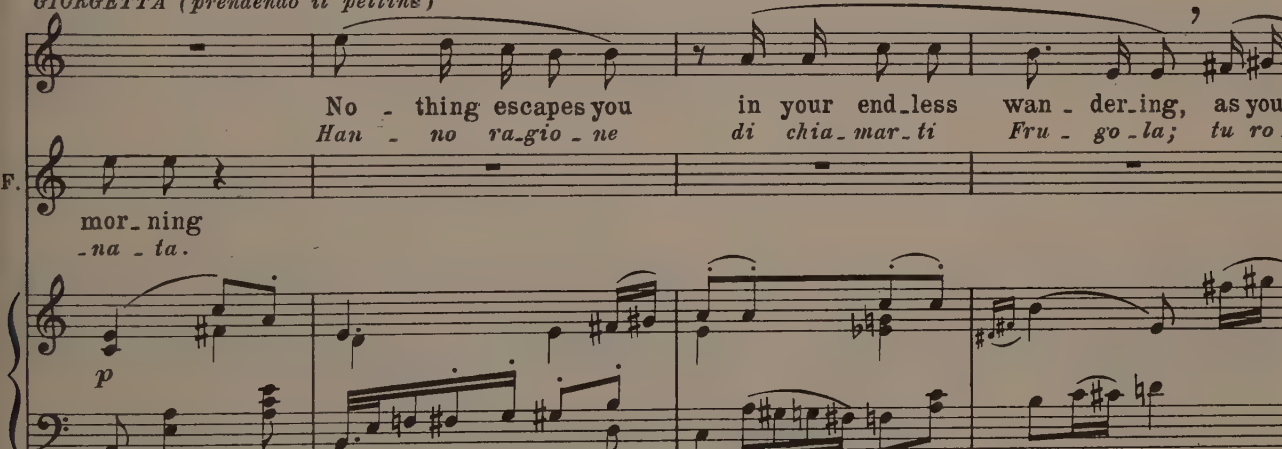
F. pores drank all the rum they want - ed.
 rum l'ha be - vu - to la sua schie - na!

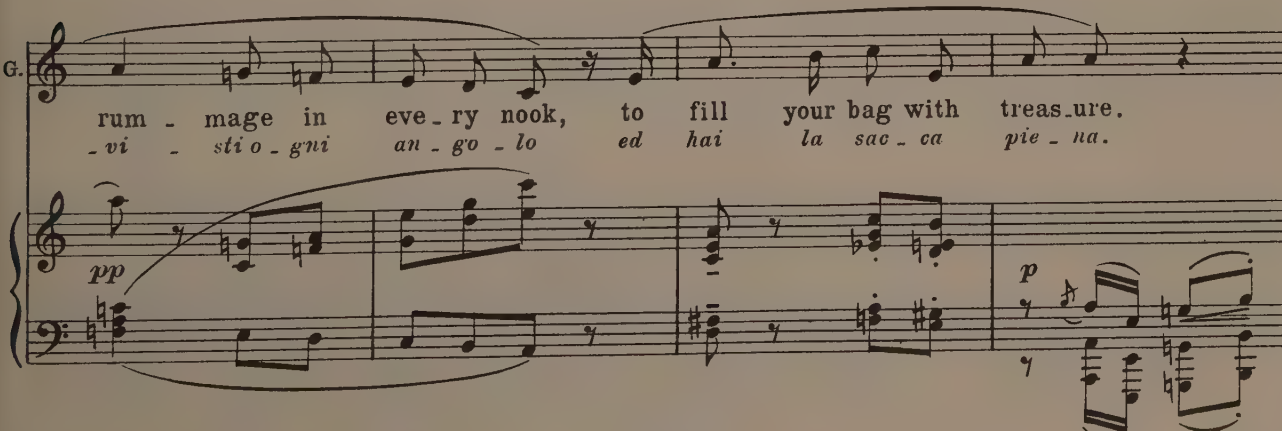
31
 sostenuto a tempo

F.  Look, Georgette! A comb as good as new, and set with rhinestones.
Ah! Gior-get - ta, guar - da: un pet - ti - ne fiam - man - te!

F.  If you like you may keep it. It's really quite the best that I found since this
Se lo vuoi, te lo do - no. È quan - to di più buo - no ho rac - col - to in gior -

GEORGETTE (accepting the comb)
GIORGETTA (prendendo il pettine)

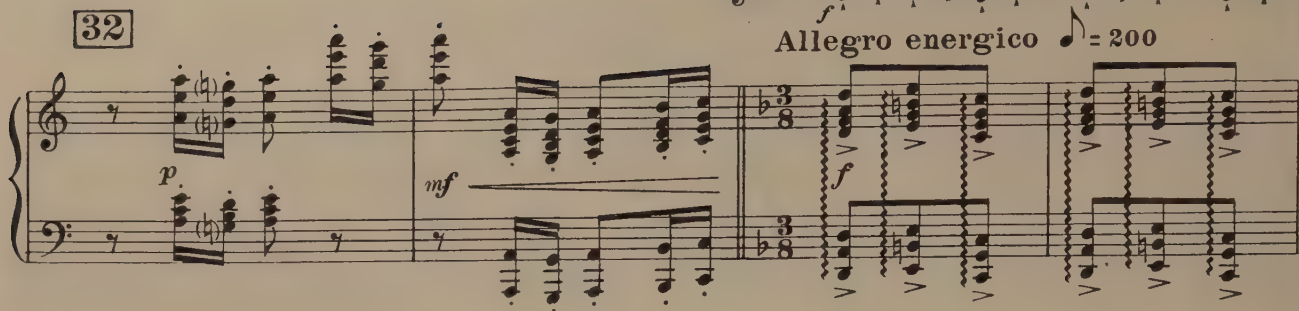
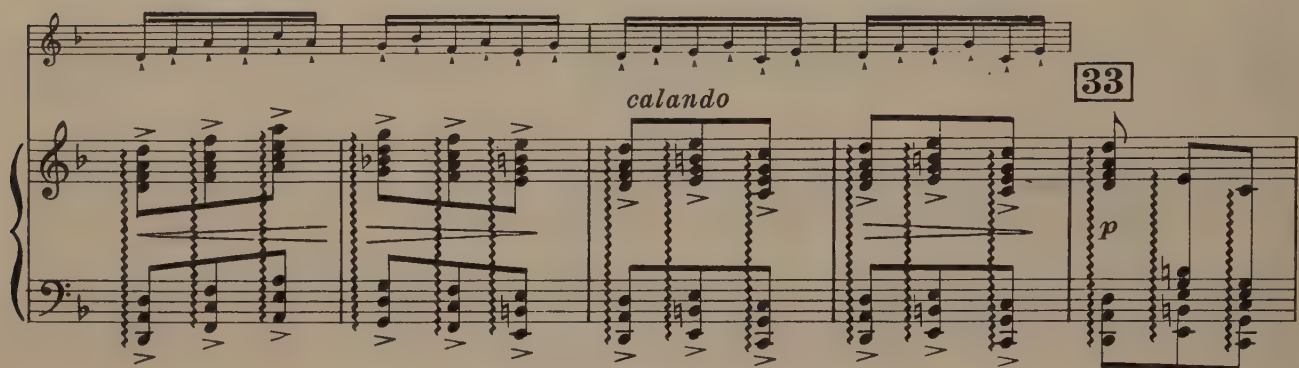
 No - thing escapes you in your end - less wan - der - ing, as you
Han - no ra - gio - ne di chia - mar - ti Fru - go - la; tu ro -
mor - ning
- na - ta.

G.  rum - mage in eve - ry nook, to fill your bag with treas - ure.
- vi - stio - gni an - go - lo ed hai la sac - ca pie - na.

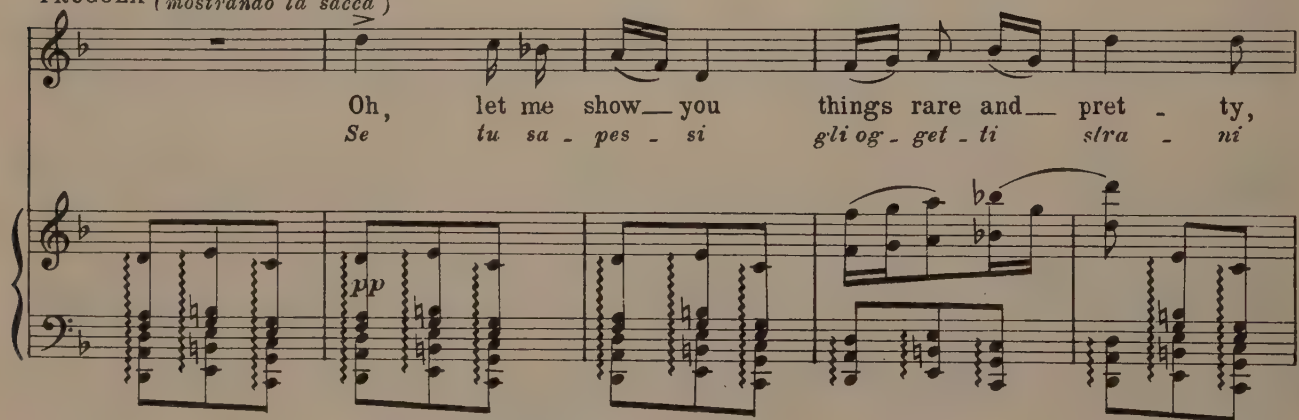
Clar. 

Allegro energico ♩ = 200

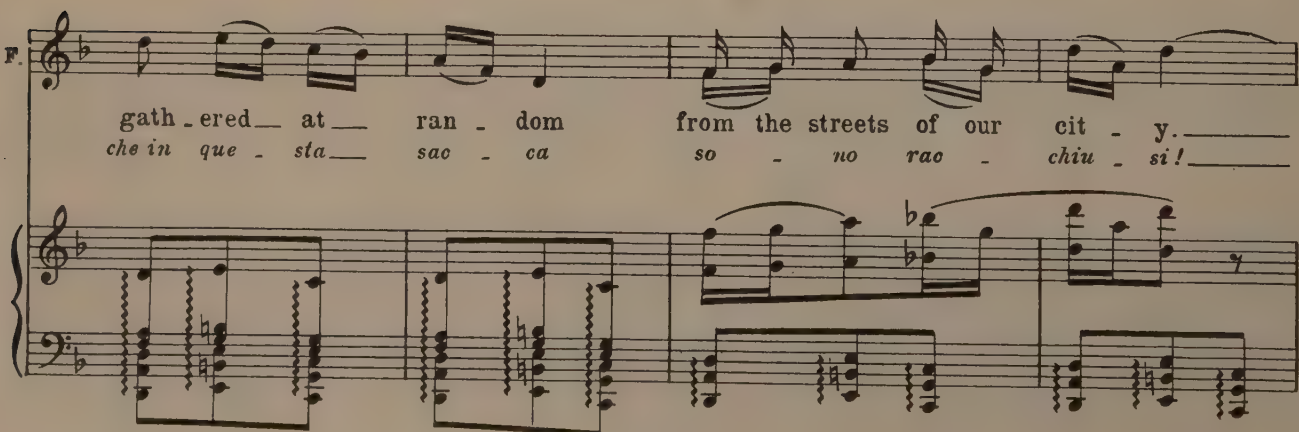
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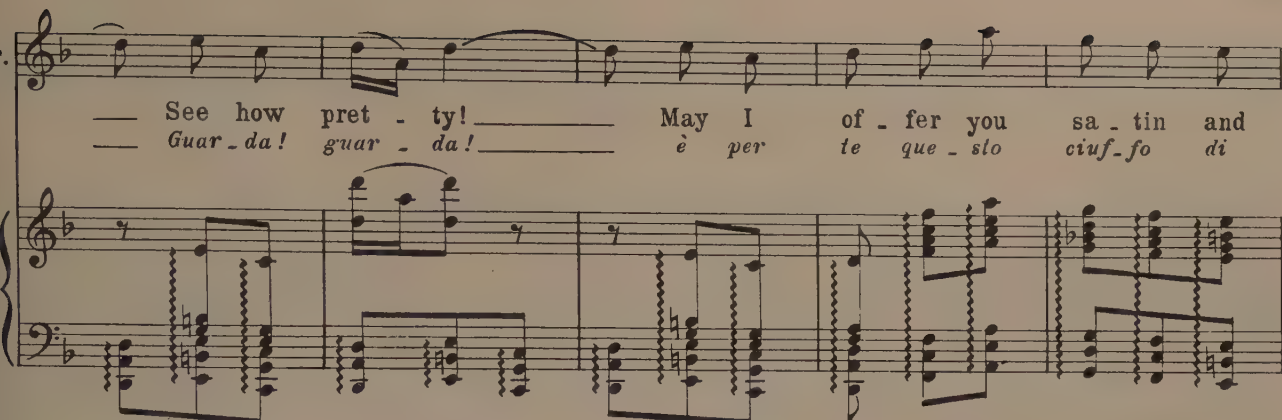
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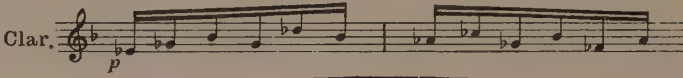
FRUGOLA (pointing to the bag)
(mostrando la sacca)


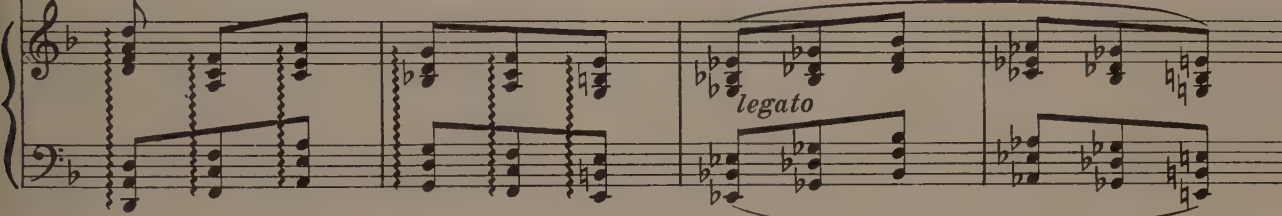
Oh, let me show you things rare and pret - ty,
Se tu sa - pes - si gli og - get - ti stra - ni

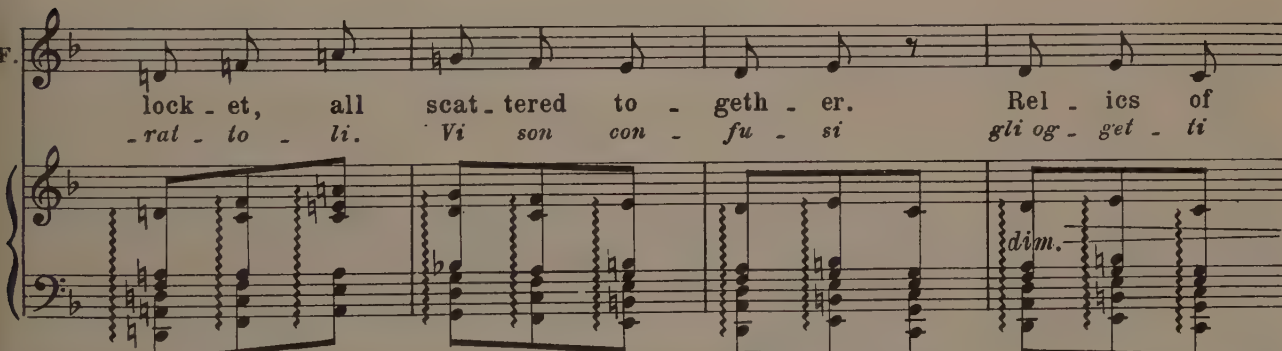


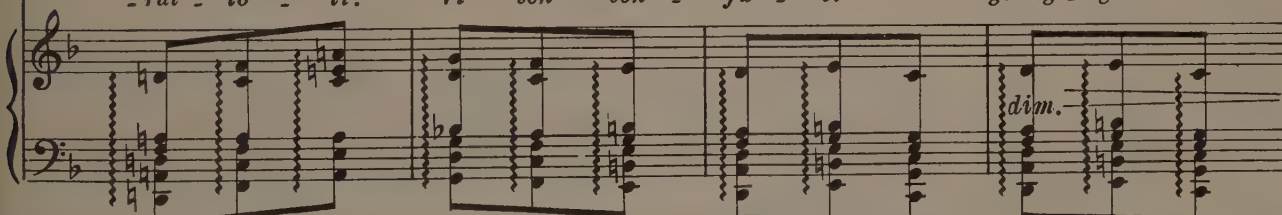
gath - ered at ran - dom from the streets of our cit - y.
che in que - sta sac - ca so - no rao - chiu - si!

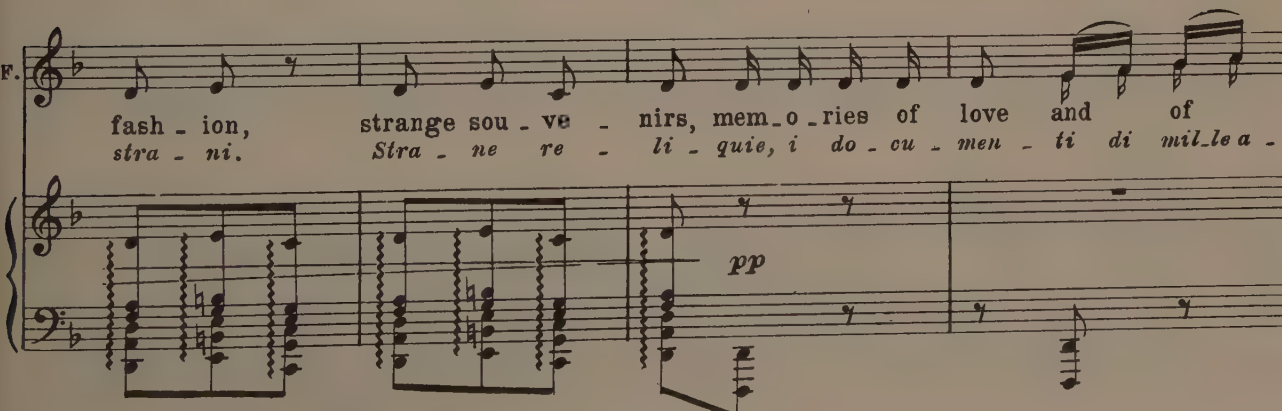
F.  See how pret - ty! May I of - fer you sa - tin and
Guar - da! guar - da! è per te que - sto ciuf - fo di

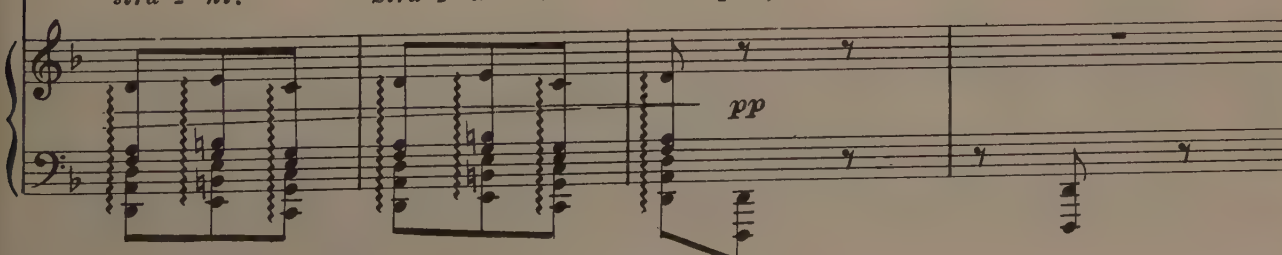
F.  lac - es, old sil - ver buck - le and dain - ty gold
piu - me. Tri - ne e vel - lu - ti, strao - ci, ba -
Clar.  *p*

 *legato*

F.  lock - et, all scat - tered to - geth - er. Rel - ics of
- ral - to - li. Vi son con - fu - si gli og - get - ti

 *dim.*

F.  fash - ion, strange sou - ve - nirs, mem - o - ries of love and of
stra - ni. Stra - ne re - li - quie, i do - cu - men - ti di mil - le a -

 *pp*

F. *passion: pleas_ures and tor - ments, all in a*
-mo_ri. Gio - ie e tor - men - ti qui - vi rac -

34

Fl.

p

F. *jum - ble, make no dis - tinc - tion for rich man or hum - ble!*
- col - go, sen - za di - stin - gue - re fra i rio - chie il vol - go!

rit:..... **35** *a tempo*

p dolce

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

F. *And in that package?*
(producing from the bag a little package)
(tira fuori dalla sacca un cartoccio) *E in quel car - toc - cio?*

One slice of liv - er for
Cuo - re di manzo

p

F. *my Al - i Ba - ba.* *Ah! what a*
per Ca - po - ra - le, *il mio so -*
poco rit:..... a tempo *rall.*

pp

col canto

F. beau - ty. And clev - er! Take my word, that cat is smart - er than an - y
- ria - no dal pe - lo ful - vo, dal - l'oc - chio stra - no, che non ha u -
rall:.....

Poco meno

pp imitando
il gatto

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA (laughing)
(ridendo)

G. He leads a pleas - ant life, that Al - i
Go - de dei pri - vi - le - gi il tuo so -

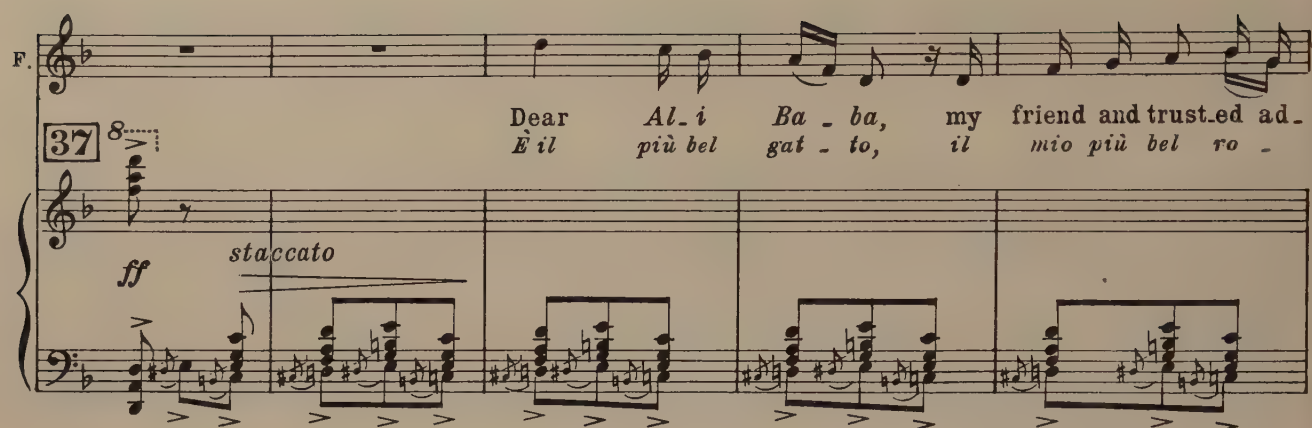
F. hu - man.
- gua - le!

..... **36** a tempo

G. Ba - ba!
- ria - no!

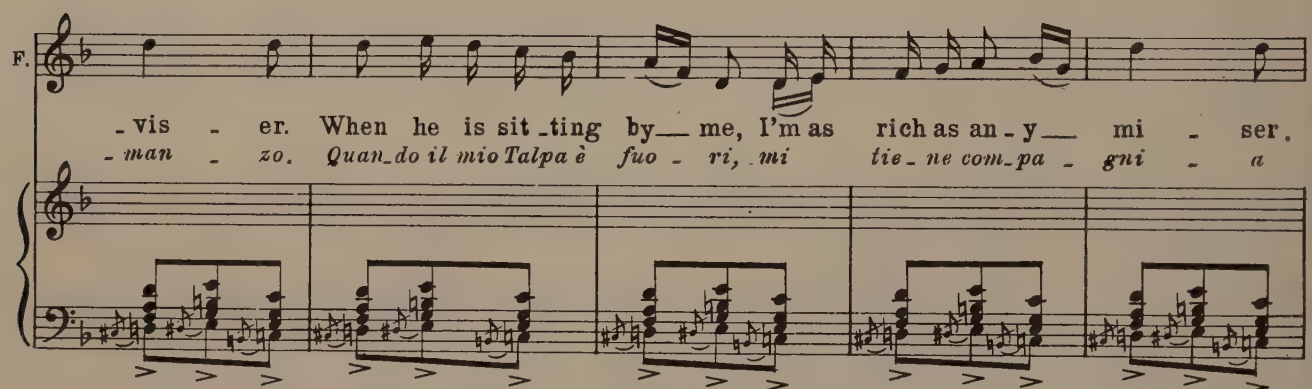
(laughs coarsely)
(sghignazza)

F. He de - serves it! The dar - ling!
Li me - ri - ta! Ve - des - si!

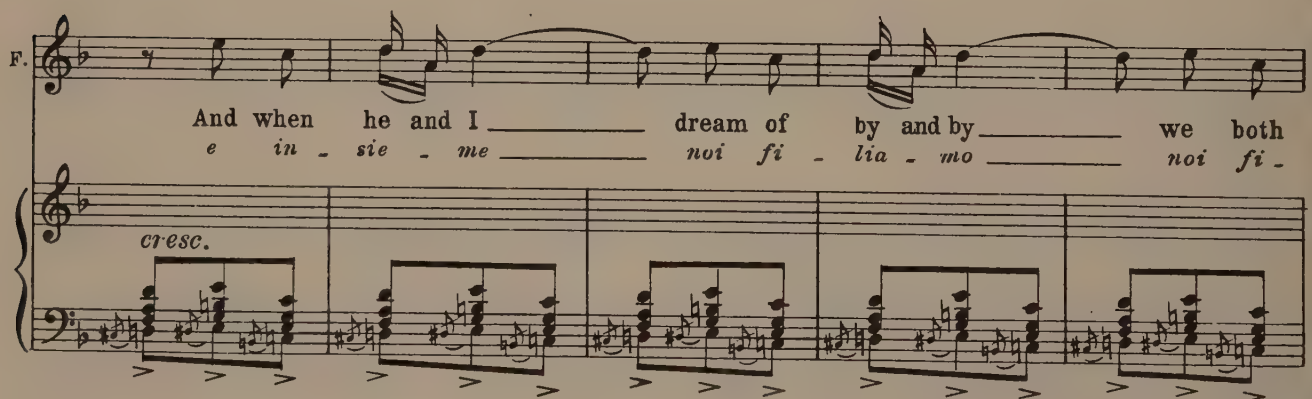
F. 

37 *staccato*

Dear Al-i Ba-ba, my friend and trusted ad-
È il più bel gat-to, il mio più bel ro-

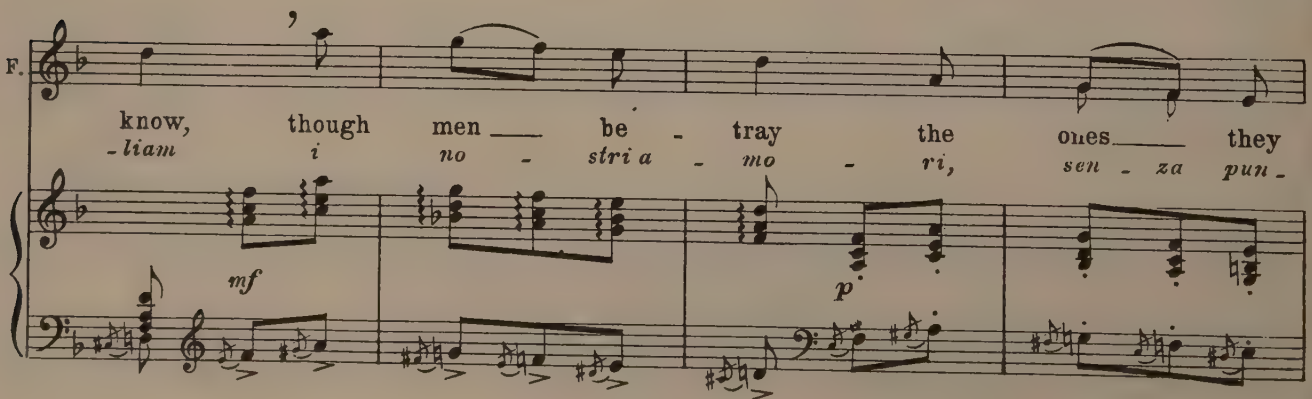
F. 

- vis - er. When he is sit-ting by me, I'm as rich as an-y mi - ser.
- man - zo. Quan-do il mio Talpa è fuo-ri, mi tie-ne com-pa - gni - a

F. 

cresc.

And when he and I dream of by and by we both
e in - sie - me noi fi - lia - mo noi fi -

F. 

know, though men be - tray the ones they
- liam i no - stri a - mo - ri, sen - za pun -

mf *p*

F. *love, — my cat would nev - er fail me! Shall I tell you Al - i*
- ti - gli e sen - za ge - lo - si - a. Vuoi sa - per - la la

legato *dim.*

F. *Ba - ba's phi - los - o - phy? Prrr... Prrr... Prrr... Bet - ter be*
sua fi - lo - so - fi - a? Ron, ron, ron: me - glio pa -

38 *pp* *mf*

F. *king in a mi - ser - a - ble hov - el than ser - vant in a*
- dro - ne in u - na ca - ta - peo - chia che ser - ro in un pa -

mf

F. *pal - ace! Prrr... Prrr... Prrr... Prrr... Prrr...*
- laz - zo. Ron, ron, ron, ron, ron:

39 *p* *pp*

F. *Bet - ter stay sin - gle, with two slic - es of*
me - glio ci - bar - si con due fet - te di

F. *beef, than play the ro - man tie and break your*
cuo - re che lo - go - ra re il pro -

cresc. *f*

F. *heart dy - ing of grief!*
- prio nel - l'a - mor!

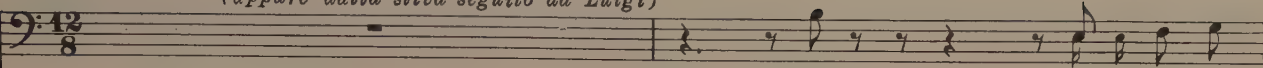
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ff

p

TALPA

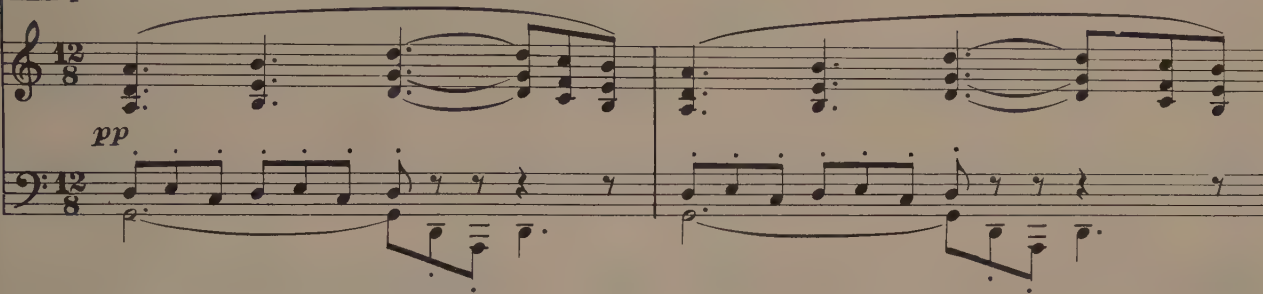
(comes out of the hold, followed by Louis)
(appare dalla stiva seguito da Luigi)



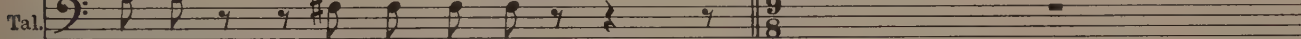
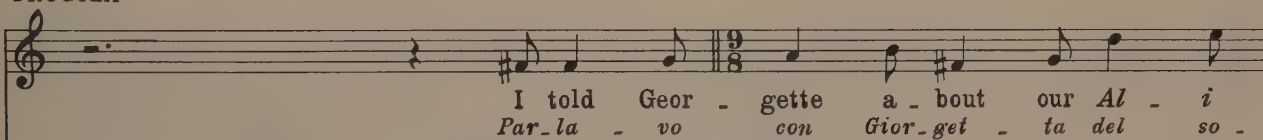
41 Andante moderato come il I. Tempo
quasi lo stesso movimento

Look!
To'!

There's my old
guarda la mia

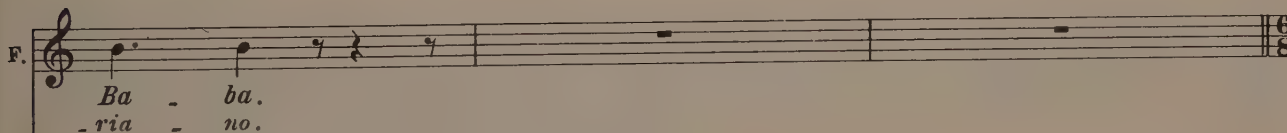
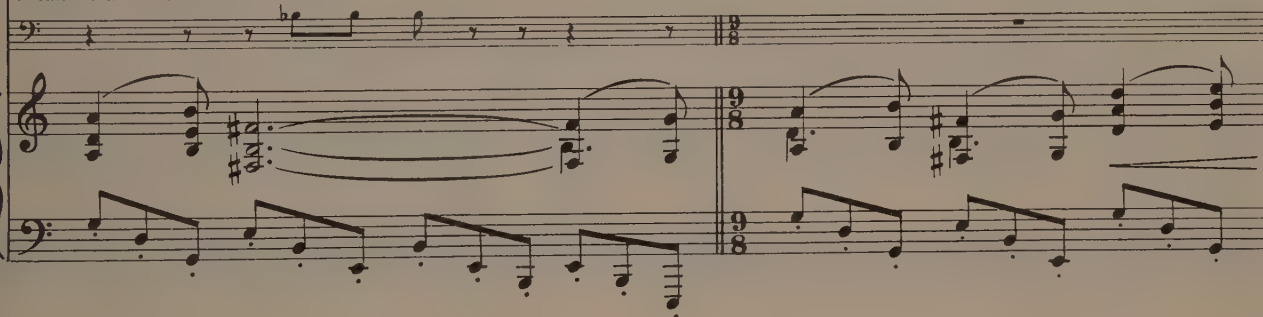


FRUGOLA

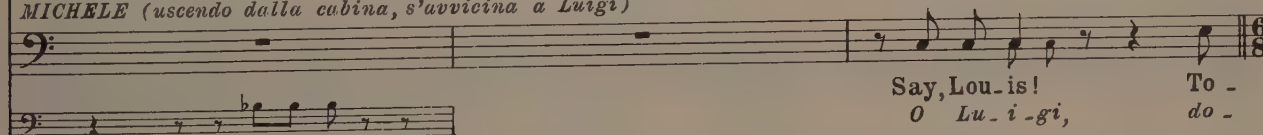


wo-man! Always gabbing.
vec-chia!.. Che nar-ra - vi?

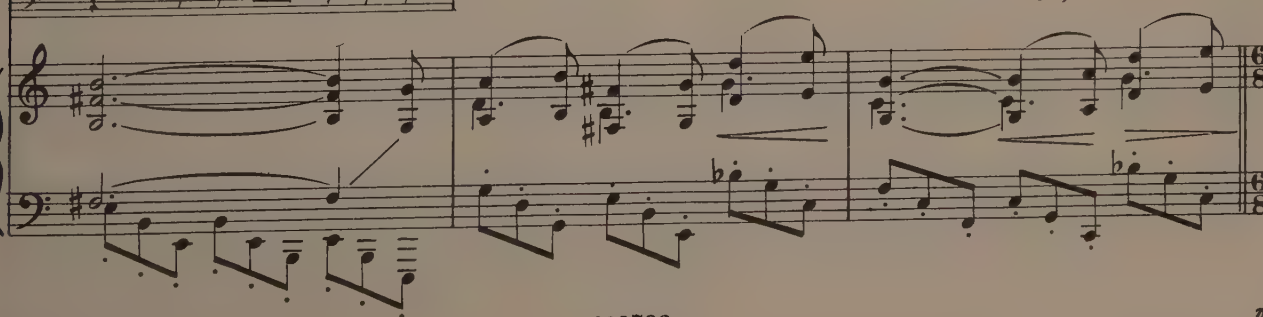
Automobile horns in the distance
Tromba d'automobile lontana



MICHEL (comes out of the cabin and approaches Louis)
MICHELE (uscendo dalla cabina, s'avvicina a Luigi)



Say, Lou-is! To -
O Lu-i-gi, do -



M. *mor-row we load an-oth-er car-go. Will you give us a*
-ma-ni si ca-ri-ca del fer-ro. Vie-ni a dar-ci u-na

Archi *p*

poco rit. a tempo

cresc. p

LOUIS - LUIGI

Of course, sir.
Verrò, pa-dro-ne.

M. *hand?*
ma-no?

p

(coming out of the hold, followed by the other stevedores who walk out on the wharf after having taken leave of Michel)

TINCA

(venendo dalla stiva, seguito dagli altri scaricatori che se ne vanno per la banchina dopo di avere salutato Michele)

Good night, every bod-y. (to Tinca)
Buona notte a tut-ti. (al Tinca)

TALPA

What's your
Hai tan-ta

FRUGOLA

(to Tinca)
(al Tinca)

To drink till he's in a stu-por! Oh if I were your wife! I would
 Cor-ri ad ub-bri-a-car-ti? Ah! se fos-si tua mo-glie! Ti pe-ste -

Tin. What would you do?
 Che fa-re-ste?

Tal. hurry?
 fretta?

F. pes-ter you till you stayed so-ber, you would learn to do with-out your liquor. Would you
 -rei fin-chè non la smet-tes-si di pas-sar le notti al l'o-ste-ri-a. Nontì ver-

Allegretto (Lo stesso movimento)

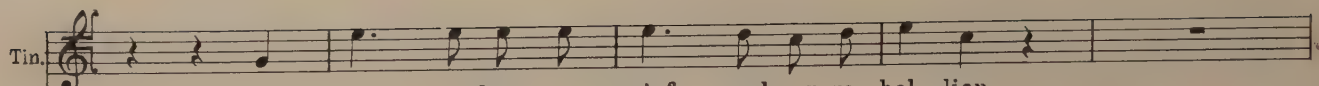
F. like that?
 -go-gni?

TINCA

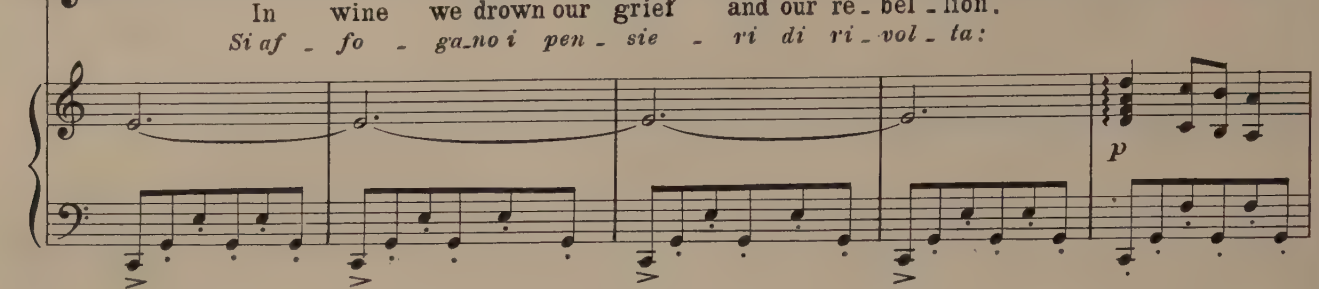
No, no, no! I love my bot-tle!
 No, no, no! Fa be-ne il vi-no!

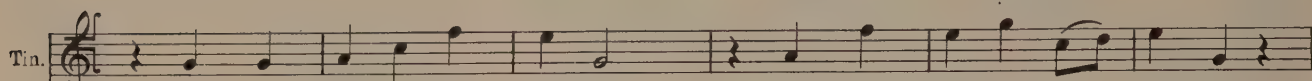
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Allegro moderato con moto

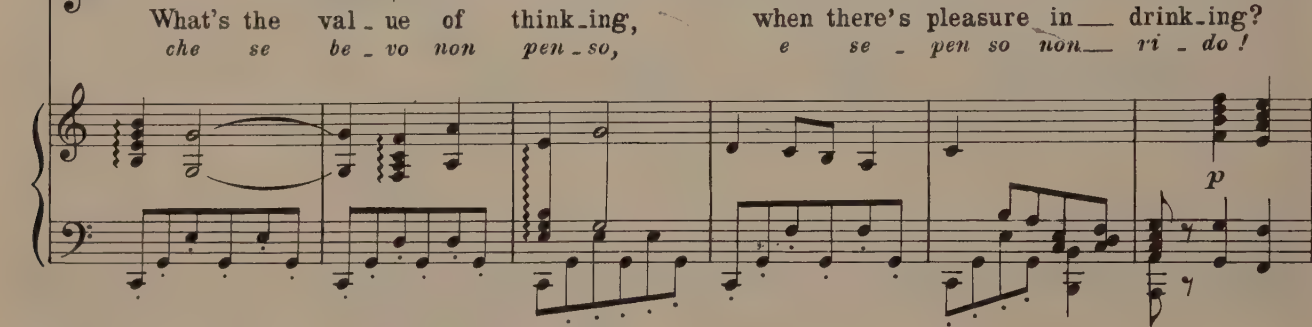
Tin. 

In wine we drown our grief and our re-bel-lion.
Si af - fo - ga-no i pen - sie - ri di ri-vol - ta:

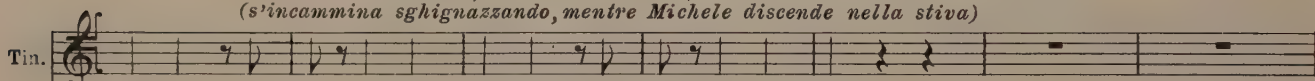


Tin. 

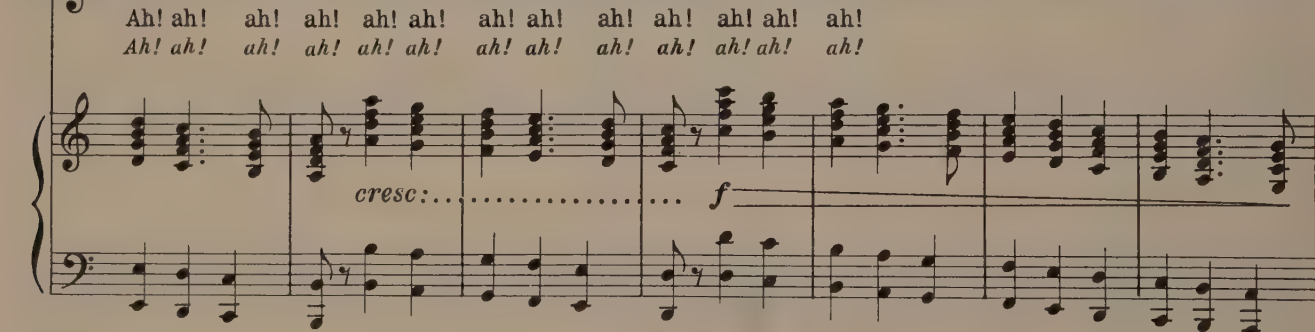
What's the val-ue of think-ing, when there's pleasure in drink-ing?
che se be - vo non pen - so, e se - pen so non - ri - do!



(makes as if to leave, with loud laughter, while Michel descends into the hold)
(s'incammina sghignazzando, mentre Michele discende nella stiva)

Tin. 

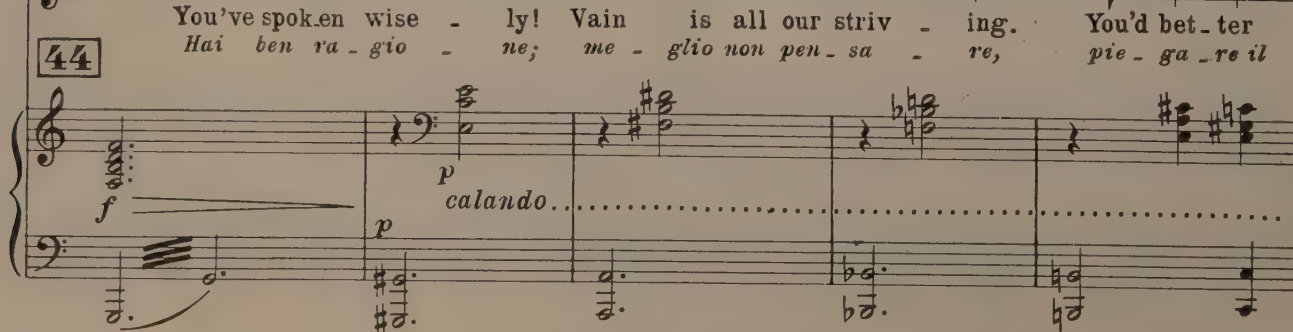
Ah! ah! ah! ah! ah! ah! ah! ah! ah! ah!
Ah! ah! ah! ah! ah! ah! ah! ah! ah! ah!



LOUIS (stopping Tinca)
 LUIGI (fermando il Tinca)



You've spoken wise - ly! Vain is all our striv - ing. You'd bet-ter
Hai ben ra - gio - ne; me - glio non pen - sa - re, pie - ga - re il



L. yield and bow your head in si - lence! Our
 ca - po ed in - cur - var la schie - na. Per

Appena meno

Red.

L. life is bleak, and bit - ter past all bear - ing. Our
 noi la vi - ta non ha più va - lo - re, ed

f *p*

f *p*

** Red.* ** Red.*

L. ev' - ry joy soon turns to grief and sor - row.
 o - gni gio - ia si con - ver - te in pe - na.

pp *pp*

pp *pp*

** Red.* ** Red.*

L. Sub - mit, you fools, and yield to those a..
 I sac - chi in grop - pa e giù la te - sta a

** Red.*

L. *-bove you!*
ter - ra!

45 Andante moderato (*quasi lo stesso movimento*)

p cresc. *mf*

Red. * *Red.* * *Red.* *

L. For if you dare re - sist, they soon will
Se guar - di in al - to, ba - da al - la fru -

Red. * *Red.* * *Red.* * *Red.* *

(with bitterness)
(con amarezza)

L. crush you. In toil, in sweat and grime we're doomed to
- sta - la. Il pa - ne lo gua - da - gni col su -

Un po' sostenendo

ff *pp ma espressivo*

Red. *

L. lan - guish. The hour of love's de - light soon turns to
- do - re, e l'o - ra del - l'a - mo - re va ru -

poco rit.

Red.

L. *an-guish! —*
- ba - ta! —

Brief are the pleasures we seek in vain to cap -
Va ru - bu - ta fra spa - si - mie pa - u -

Oboe *p dolce*

dim. *m.d.* *p*

L. *- ture.*
- re

How dark our path, and fraught with pain our
che of - fu - sca - no l'eb - brez - za più di -

poco rit.

mf *p dim.* *p*

L. *rap - ture.*
- vi - na.

All is for - bid - den, ev' - ry joy de -
Tut - to è con - te - so, tut - to ci è ra -

Sostenendo *cominciando a*

pp

L. *nied us, —*
- pi - to —

and our days be - gin in ut - ter
la gior - na - ta è già bu - ia al - la mat -

rallentare *rit.*

L. *dark - ness! — — — — — You've spoken wise - ly! Vain is all our*
- ti - na! — — — — — Hai ben ra - gio - ne; me - gio non pen -

a tempo

cresc:.....

f

L. *striv - ing. — — — — — And wise is he who bows his head in*
- sa - re. — — — — — Pie - ga - re il ca - po ed in - cur - var la

Sostenendo poco rall.

ff

ff

L. *si - lence!*
 TINCA *schie - na!*

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I found the ans - wer:
Se - gui il mio e - sem - pio:

p

p

Timp.

p

GEORGETTE (interrupting)
 GIORGETTA (intervendo)

Enough! (staring at her)
Ba - sta! (fissandola)

Tin. *Drink - ing!*
be - vi!

I'll say no more!
Non par - lo più!

Good - night, friends, and
A do - ma - ni, ra -

(exits)
(s'incammina e scompare per la banchina)

Tin. rest well till to - mor - row.
-gaz - zi, e sta - te be - ne. (to Frugola)
(alla Frugola)

TALPA

Andante mosso

It is time we were home.
Ce n'an - dia - mo anche noi?

p

FRUGOLA

Ah, will there come a day when we own a ti - ny
Ah! quan - do mai po - tre - mo com - prar - ci u - na bi -

Tal.

I feel exhaust - ed.
Son stan - co mor - to.

rit.

a tempo

pp

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

You have al - ways dreamed of
È la tua fis - sa -

F.

cot - tage. There we could rest at last.
-coc - ca? Là ci ri - po - se - re - mo.

p

G.

liv - ing in the coun - try!
-zio - ne, la cam - pa - gna!

p

FRUGOLA

47 Allegretto mosso ♩ = 176

I should like a lit - tle
Ho so - gna - to u - na ca -

pp

F. cot - tage _____ with a gar - den full of flow - ers, _____
- set - ta _____ con un pic - co - lo or - ti - cel - lo _____

F. where a bird is soft - ly sing - ing _____ as I while a - way the
Quat - tro mu - ri, stret - ta stret - ta, _____ e due pi - ni per om -

F. hours with my old man in the gar - den _____
- brel - lo. Il mio vec - chio ste - so al so - le, _____
poco rit. a tempo

F.

and my faith-ful Al - i Ba - ba.
ai miei pie - di Ca - po - ra - le,

mf *dim.* *Ped.*

F.

We could sit in our gar - den un - til Death would come and
e a - spet - tar co - sì la mor - te che è ri - me - dio d'o - gni

F.

take us. ma - le!

p *Ped.*

morendo ***

GEORGETTE- GIORGETTA

May I tell you of my dream? For I am from the
È ben al-tro il mio so-gno! Son na-ta nel sob-

[48] Andante moderato ♩ = 66

G. cit-y. And when I breathe the air of Pa-ris I blos-som, my
-bor-go, e so-lo l'a-ria di Pa-ri-gi m'e-sal-ta, m'e-

G. heart expands with pleas-ure. Oh! if Mi-chel would
-sal-ta e mi-nu-tri-sce! Oh! se Mi-che-le, un

rubando a tempo **[49]**

G. on-ly leave for-ev-er— this aim-less, this vag-a-bond ex-
gior-no, ab-ban-do-nas-se— que-sta lo-go-ra vi-ta va-ga-

un poco sostenendo

col canto

G. *is_tence.— That dark,dismal cab_in is no place for a wo_man! You should have*
- bon-da!... Non si vi-ve là den-tro,frail letto ed il for-nel-lo! Tu a-ves-si

pp m.s. m.s.

*Red. **

G. *seen the house I lived in long a-go! Don't you know?*
vi-sto la mia stan-za un tem-po! Non lo sai?

FRUGOLA

Where were you liv-ing?

*Do-ve a-bi-ta-vi?**(stepping forward abruptly)*
(avanzando d'improvviso)

LOUIS-LUIGI

*rit:.....**rall.**a Tempo**In Belle -**m.s.**mf deciso*

G. *He al-so knows that neighbour-hood! He and*
Lu-i-gi lo co-no-sce! Co-me

L. *Belle-ville! I should,for I was born there!*
- vil-le! An-ch'io ci son na-to!

*p**p*

G. *I* we feel it deep in our blood!
me *Co-me me, l'hanel san - gue!*

L. No one can ev-er
 Non ci si può stac-

50 *espressivo*

mf

G. And no one can for - get it! For
Bi - sogna aver pro - va - to! Belle -

L. leave it!
- ca - re!

rubando

p

G. Pa - ris is the soil from which we flow - ered! We were not meant to live up on the
- ville è il no - stro suo - lo è il no - stro mon - do! Noi non pos-sia-mo vi-ve-re sul-

sostenuto

cresc.

pp

Red.

G. *wa - ter! — We need to stroll a long a crowd-ed side-walk!*
- l'ac - qua! — Bi - so - gna cal - pe - sta - re il mar - cia - pie - de!...

pp

Red. *

G. *Our home is there, and all our friends and neighbours, We know them all and feel at ease to -*
Là c'è u - na ca - sa, là ci so - no a - mi - ci, fe - sto - si in - con - tri e pie - ne con - fi -
rall:.....

Red. *

G. *geth - er... — den - ze...*

LOUIS-LUGI

Ev' ry - one there is so friend - ly! As if they were your
Ci si co - no - sce tut - ti! S'è tut - ti u - na fa -
..... a tempo

mf

Red. *

G. In the morn - ing, the streets are gay and crowd - ed... and at
 Al mat - ti - no, il la - vo - ro che cia - spet - ta. Al - la

L. cous - in!
 - mi - glia!

51 *espressivo* *Meno*

p *p*

G. night we return from work to - geth - er. The shops are lit so
 se - ra, i ri - tor - ni in co - mi - ti - va... Bot - te - ghe che s'ac -

pp

G. bright - ly and the win - dows most en - tic - ing. The streets are gay with
 - cen - do - no di lu - cie di lu - sin - ghe, vet - tu - re che s'in -

G. *people and Sundays full of gos-sip.*
- cro - cia - no, do - me - ni - che chias - so - se...

rit. *cu cu*

Red. *

G. *Then there are gay ex - cur - sions and pic - nics in the country!*
Pic - co - le gi - te in due al bo - sco di Bou - lo - gne!

a tempo

p dolce

G. *Young men ga - lore, all ea - ger to swear they love you...*
Bal - li al - l'a - per - to, in - ti - mi - tà a - mo - ro - se...

poco rall.

p

G. *con grande intensità*

I don't know if I ev - er can ex - plain it, this
È dif - fi - ci - le di - re co - sa si - a que -

52 *Moderatamente*

pp *m. d.* *cresc.:.....*

G. *ten. opp.* *cresc. molto*

long - ing, this mys - te - rious fas - ci - na - tion. ———
 - st'an - sia, que - sta stra - na no - stal - gi - a. ———
allarg.

cresc. molto

Ed. *

G. *con entusiasmo*

LOUIS-LUIGI

All who leave our cit - y
 Ma chi la - scia il sob - bor - go

All who leave our
 Ma chi la - scia il sob -

53 *ff* *m.s.* *Andante con moto* $\text{♩} = 120$
con fuoco *p*

Ed. *

G. dream of re - turn - ing. When they've come
 vuol tor - na - re, e chi ri -

L. cit - y will be yearn - ing. When they've come
 - bor - go vuol tor - na - re, e chi ri -

sost.

Ed. *

G. home, — they will nev_er — more de_sire to wan — der.
 — tor — na, chi ri — tor — na non si può stac — ca — re.

L. home, — they will nev_er — more de_sire to wan — der.
 — tor — na, chi ri — tor — na non si può stac — ca — re.

rubando rall:

mf

G. There be fore — us lies Pa — ris, bright — with en —
 C'è là in fon — do Pa — ri — gi che — ci

L. There is Pa — ris in all — her en —
 C'è là in fon — do Pa — ri — gi che ci

a tempo con moto

cresc.

G. chant — ment, smil — ing in all her beau — ty with
 gri — da con mil — le vo — ci lie — te il

L. chant — ment, smil — ing in all her beau — ty with
 gri — da con mil — le vo — ci lie — te il

allarg.

f *ff*

G. strange, ev_er-lasting spell! (they remain in ecstasy)
 suo fa_scino immor - tal! (rimangono come in estasi)

L. strange, ev_er-lasting spell!
 suo fa_scino immor - tal!

rall: a tempo **54**
 Molto sostenuto

deciso *ff*

FRUGOLA

I think I un_der - stand you.
 A - des - so ti ca - pi - sco:

p

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F. Life has turned out quite diff'rently.
 qui la vi - ta è di - ver - sa...

pp

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LOUIS-LUIGI

TALPA

(to Louis)
(a Luigi)

No, thank you.
Io re - sto:

Sure, but what a - bout sup - per? Won't you join us?
Se s'an - das - se a man - gia - re? Che ne di - ci?

pp *f* *mf*

L.

I have to stay and see the master.
ho da par - la - re col pa - dro - ne.

Tal.

We're go - ing
Quando è co -

rall. e calando sempre.....

dim. *p*

FRUGOLA

Good night. Un - til to -
Miei vec - chi, buo - na

now. Friends, good night.
- sì, a do - ma - ni.

Mosso

p

(They go off together arm in arm, their voices fading in the distance.)
(Si avvia col Talpa a braccetto e allontanandosi le loro voci si perdono.)

F. *morrow.*
not-te!

(whispering)
(mormorando) I should like a little cottage,
Ho so-gnato una ca-set-ta,

Fal. I should like a little cottage,
Ho so-gnato una ca-set-ta,

55

pp

F. with a gar-den full of flow-ers where a bird is soft-ly
con un pic-co-lo or-ti-cel-lo *Quat-tro mu-ri, stret-ta*

Fal. with a gar-den full of flow-ers where a bird is soft-ly
con un pic-co-lo or-ti-cel-lo *Quat-tro mu-ri, stret-ta*

F. sing-ing as I while a-way the hours with my old man in the
stret-ta, *e due pi-ni per om-brel-lo. Il mio vec-chio ste-so al*

Fal. sing-ing as I while a-way the hours with my old man in the
stret-ta, *e due pi-ni per om-brel-lo. Il mio vec-chio ste-so al*

cedendo un poco

F. *garden and my faithful Al - i Ba - ba. We could sit in our*
so - le, ai miei pie - di Ca - po - ra - le, e a - spet - tar co - sì la

Tal. *garden and my faithful Al - i Ba - ba. We could sit in our*
so - le, ai miei pie - di Ca - po - ra - le, e a - spet - tar co - sì la

a tempo

pp

(from a distance)
(*lontani*)

F. *gar - den un - til Death would come and take us!*
mor - te che è ri - me - dio d'o - gni ma - le!

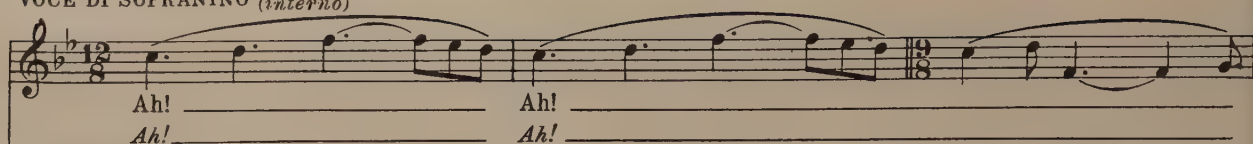
Tal. *gar - den un - til Death would come and take us!*
mor - te che è ri - me - dio d'o - gni ma - le!

Ob. *pp*

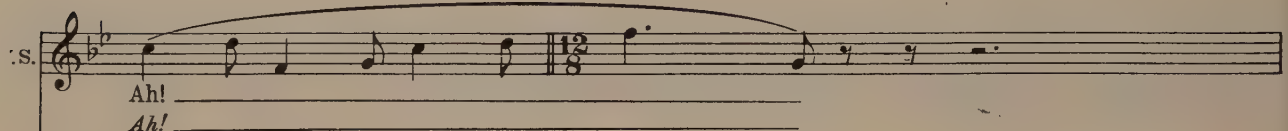
Fg. *pp*

ppp

VOCE DI SOPRANINO ^(offstage)
_(interno)



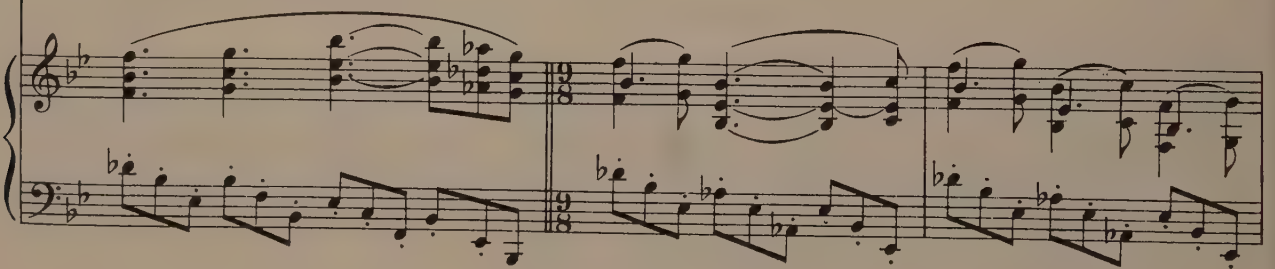
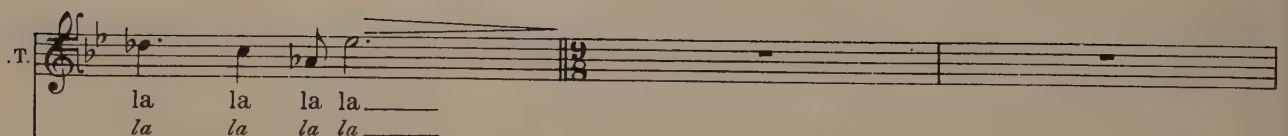
56 Andante moderato (*un po' meno del I. Tempo*)



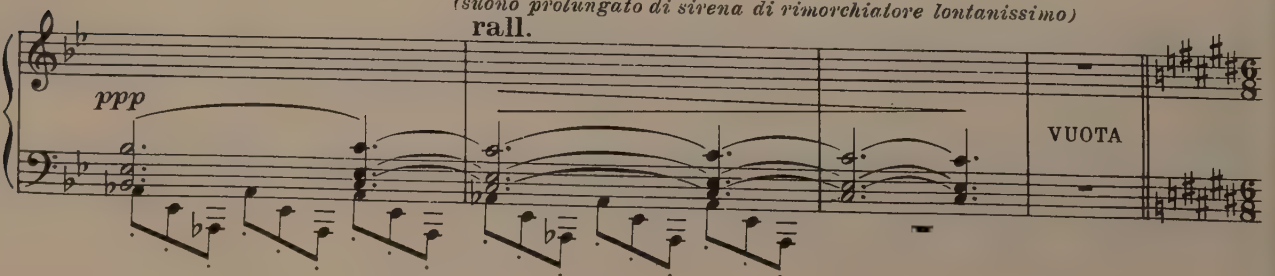
VOCE DI TENORINO ^(offstage)
_(interno)

(from a distance)
(*lontano*)

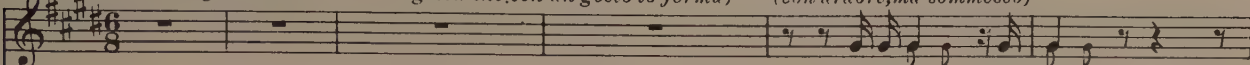
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(a prolonged whistle from a tugboat, as from a very great distance)
(*suono prolungato di sirena di rimorchiatore lontanissimo*)
rall.

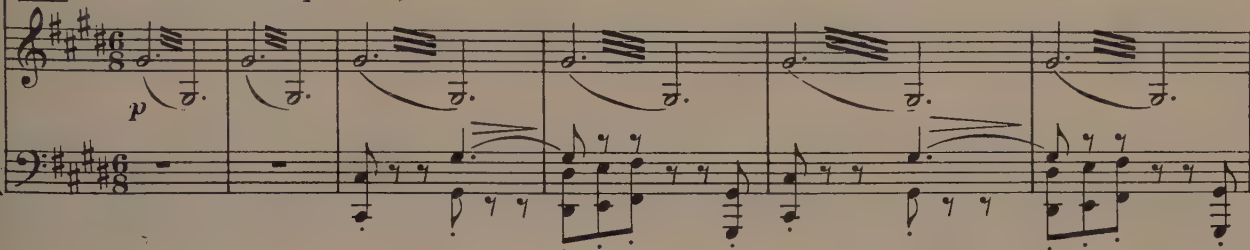


GIORGETTA (Louis draws close to Georgette, who stops him with a gesture) (ardently, but in a low voice)
 (Luigi s'avvicina a Giorgetta che, con un gesto lo ferma) (con ardore, ma sommesso)



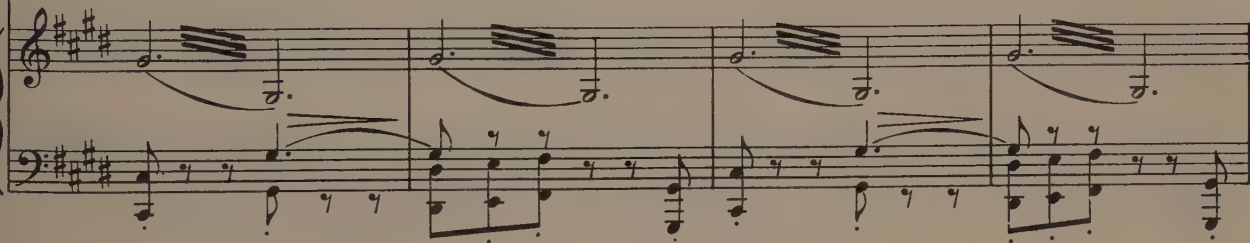
O Louis! Lou-is!
 O Lu-i-gi! Lu-i-gi!

57 Lo stesso tempo

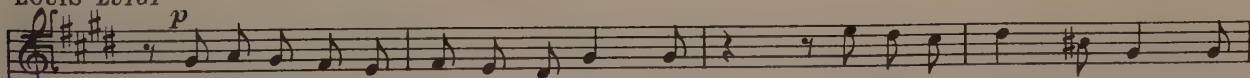


He may come an - y mo - ment my dear - est!
 Bada a te! Può sa - lir fra un momen - to!

Stay where you are, no clos - er!
 Re - sta pur là, lon - ta - no!

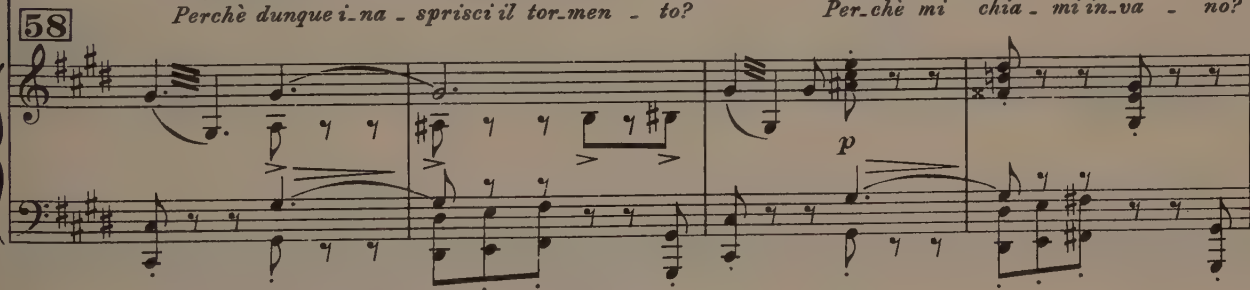


LOUIS - LUIGI

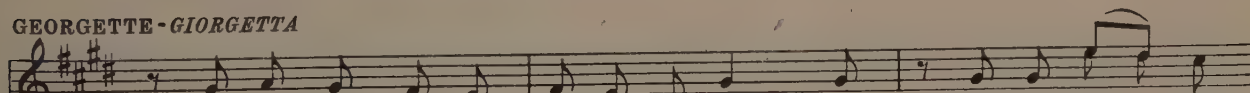


Why then call me if we must stay part - ed?
 Perché dunque i - na - sprisci il tor - men - to?

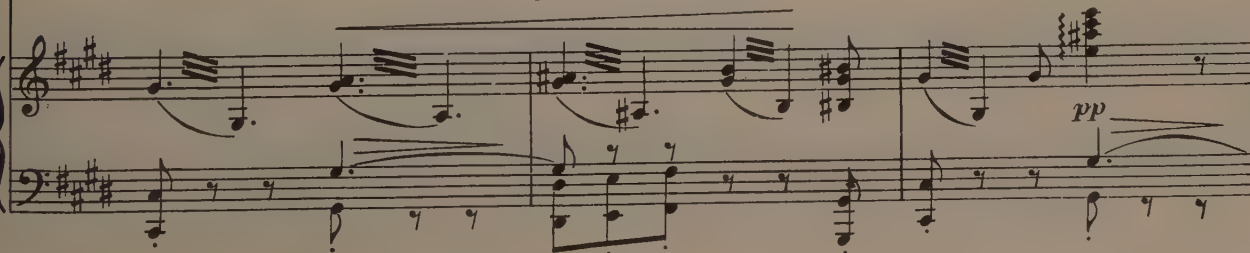
Why then in - crease my tor - ment?
 Per - ché mi chia - mi in - va - no?



GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA



At the thought of your bur - ning ca - ress - es what ex - cite - ment
 Vi - bro tut - ta se pen - so a ier se - ra, al - l'ar - dor dei tuoi



G. fills my heart!...
ba - ci!...

LOUIS-LUIGI

When you kissed me last night, my be - lov - ed...
In quei ba - ci tu sai co - sa c'e - ra...

G. Ah, my love, — my love, be si - lent!
Si, mio a - mo - re, mio a - mo - re. Ma ta - ci!

L. Why this sud - den a -
Qua - le fol - le pa -
come un tremito

pp

G. If he knew, he would kill us both!
Se ci sco-pre, è la mor - te!

L. - larm, o my dar - ling?
- u - ra ti pren - de?

pp

(sharply)
(scattando)

L.  *p*

I would rath - er face death than the an - guish — of seeing you bound to him!
Pre - fe - ri - sco mo - ri - re, al - la sor - te — che ti tie - ne le - ga - ta!

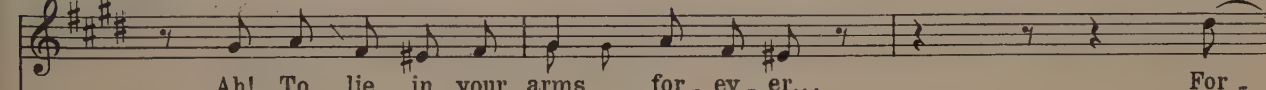
Sostenendo

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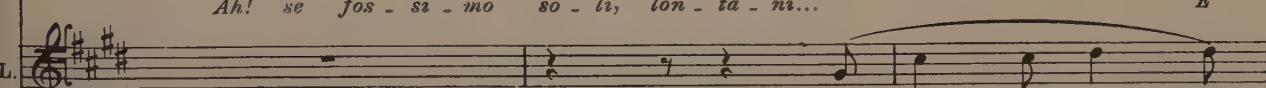
 *mf* *a tempo* *p*

ff

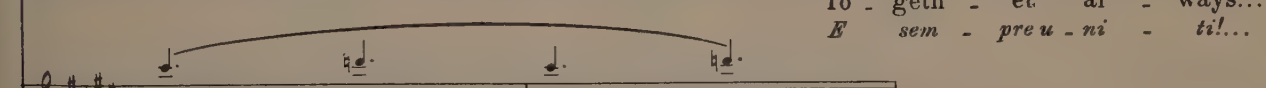
GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

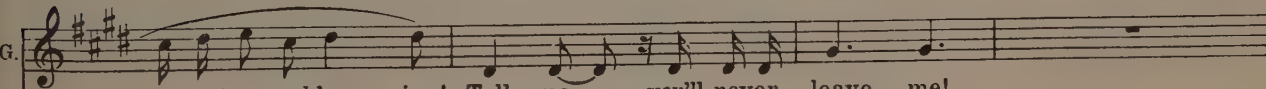
 *F*

Ah! To lie in your arms for - ev - er... For -
Ah! se fos - si - mo so - li, lon - ta - ni... *F*

 *F*

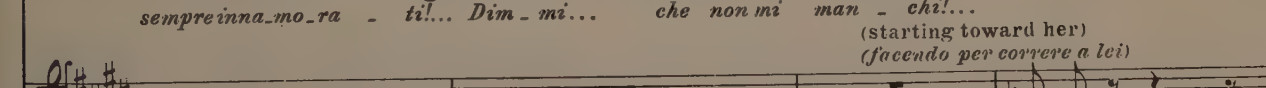
To - geth - er al - ways...
F sem - pre u - ni - ti!...

 *pp*

 *p*

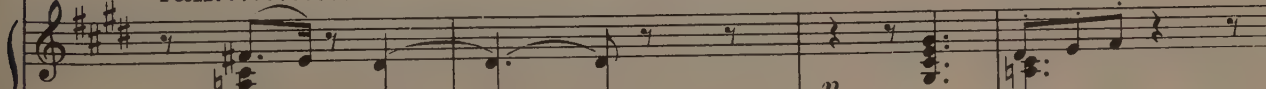
- ev - er true and lov - ing!... Tell me — you'll never leave me!
sempre in na - mo - ra - ti!... Dim - mi... che non mi man - chi!...

(starting toward her)
(facendo per correre a lei)

 *p*

Nev - er!
 Mai!...

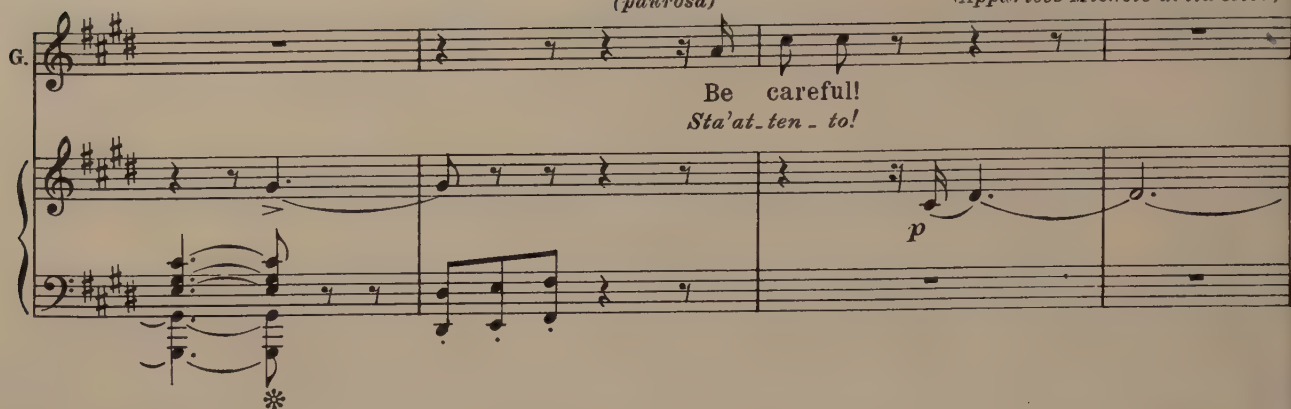
rall:.....a tempo

 *p*

Red.

(with fear)
(paurosa)

(Michel appears from the hold)
(Apparisce Michele dalla stiva)

G. 

Be careful!
Sta'at-ten-to!

p

LOUIS-LUIGI

MICHEL-MICHELE

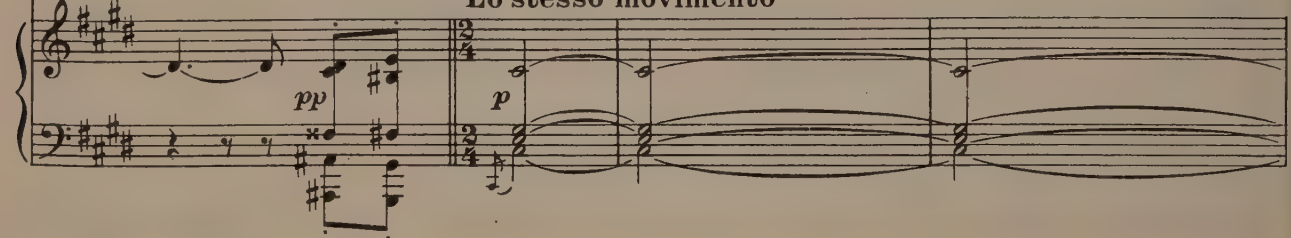
(to Louis)
(a Luigi)

I wait.ed, if you
Pa.dro-ne, v'ho aspet-

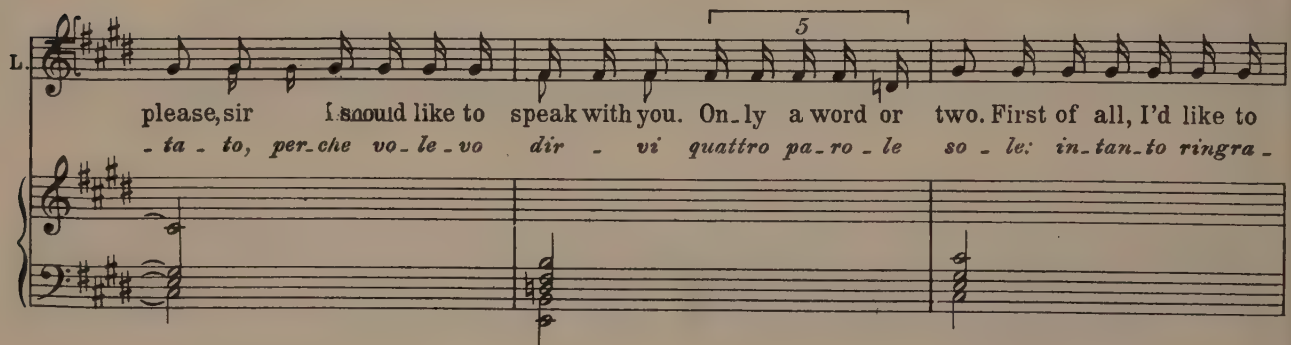
Young man... not home yet?
Co-me? Non se' an-da-to?...

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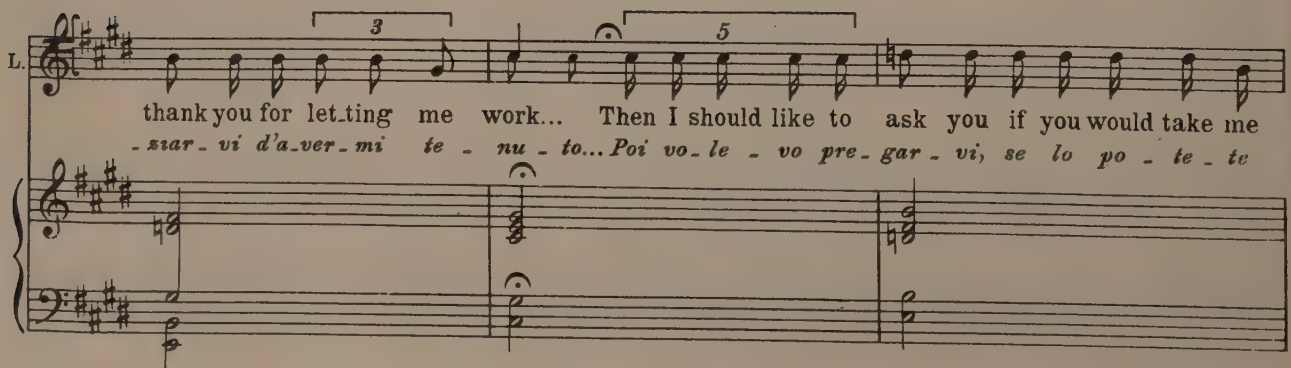
Lo stesso movimento



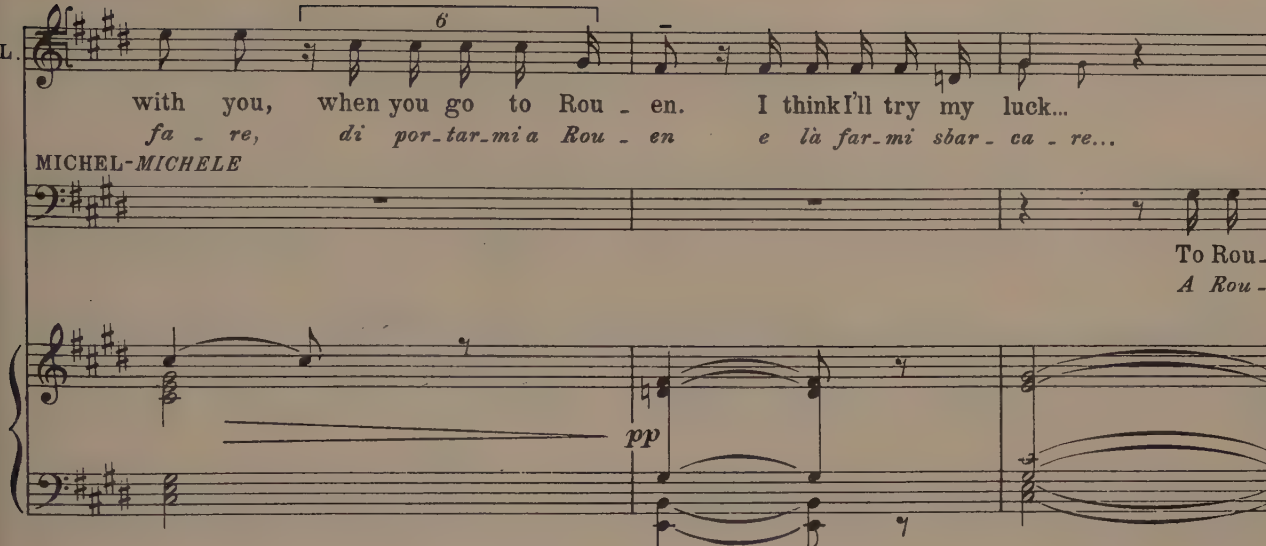
pp *p*

L. 

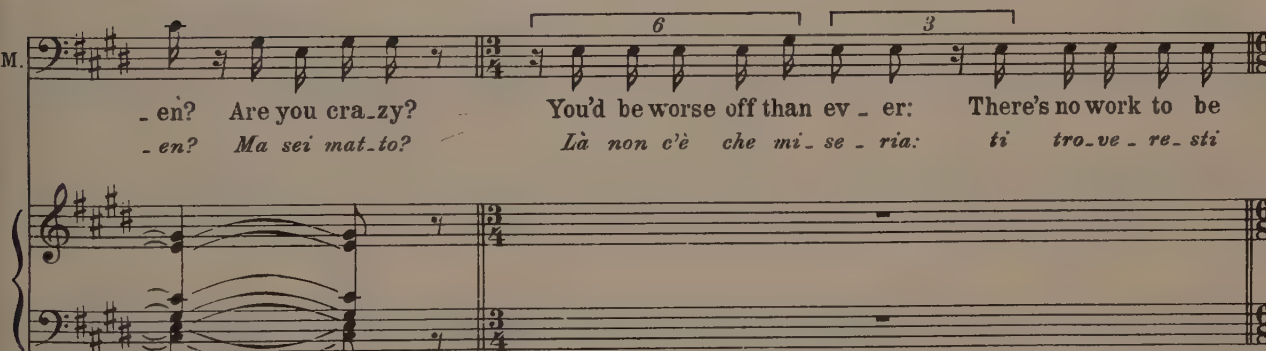
please, sir I should like to speak with you. On-ly a word or two. First of all, I'd like to
- ta - to, per-che vo-le-vo dir - vi quat-tro pa-ro-le so-le: in-tan-to ringra -

L. 

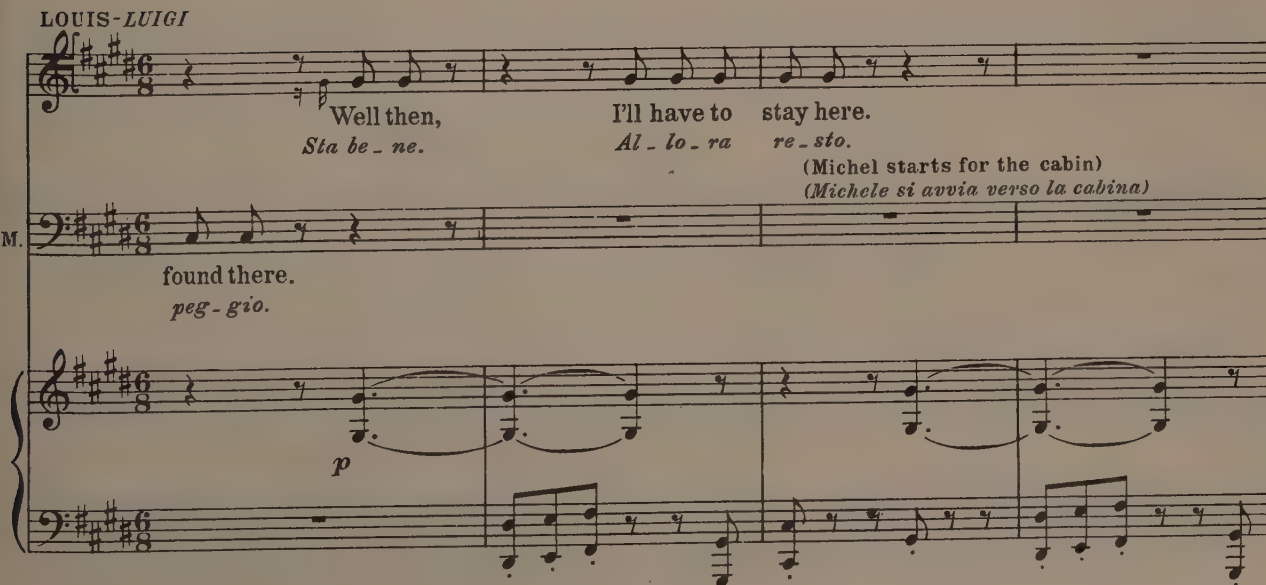
thank you for let-ting me work... Then I should like to ask you if you would take me
- ziar-vi d'a-ver-mi te-nu-to... Poi vo-le-vo pre-gar-vi, se lo po-te-te

L.  with you, when you go to Rou - en. I think I'll try my luck...
fa - re, di por-tar-mi a Rou - en e là far-mi sbar-ca - re...
MICHEL-MICHELE

To Rou -
A Rou -

M.  - en? Are you cra-zy? You'd be worse off than ev - er: There's no work to be
- en? Ma sei mat-to? Là non c'è che mi-se-ria: ti tro-ve-re-sti

LOUIS-LUIGI

 Well then, I'll have to stay here.
Sta be-ne. Al-lo-ra re-sto.
(Michel starts for the cabin)
(Michele si avvia verso la cabina)

M. found there.
peg-gio.

GEORGETTE-GIORGETTA

(to Michel)
(a Michele)Where are you go - ing?
*Do - ve vai?*It is time — to light the
A pre - pa - ra - re i

61

dim: . . .

LOUIS-LUIGI

I wish you good night, sir...

Buo - na not - te pa - dro - ne...

lan - terns.

lu - mi.

..molto rit.

rall.

(Michel goes into the cabin)

(Michele entra nella cabina)

Till to - morrow.

Buo - na not - te.

rit.

a tempo

*p**mf**f*

GEORGETTE (breathlessly)

GIORGETTA (*affannosamente*)

Tell me: why did you ask if you could go to Rou - en?
 Dim - mi per - chè gli hai chie - sto di sbar - car - ti a Rou - en?

62

Allegro moderato ma un po' agitato ♩=144

pp

G. LOUIS-LUIGI

You are
 Hai ra -

Be - cause I cannot bear to share you with an - oth - er!
 Per - chè non pos - so di - vi - der - ti con lui!...

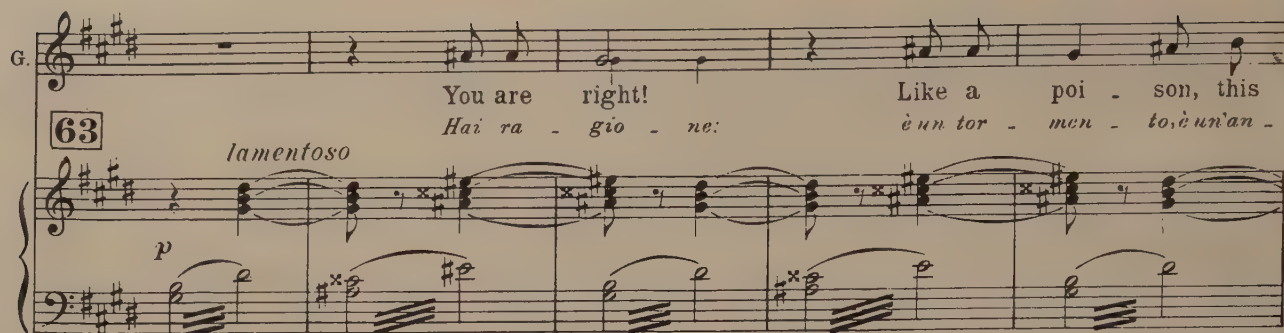
G.

right! We are caught in this ter - ri - ble trap, And I
 - gio - ne: è un tor - men - to. An - ch'io ne son pre - sa, an -

G.

feel I will nev - er - more es - cape from this mis - er - y and tor - ture!
 - ch'i - o la sen - to ben più for - te di te que - sta ca - te - na!

mf

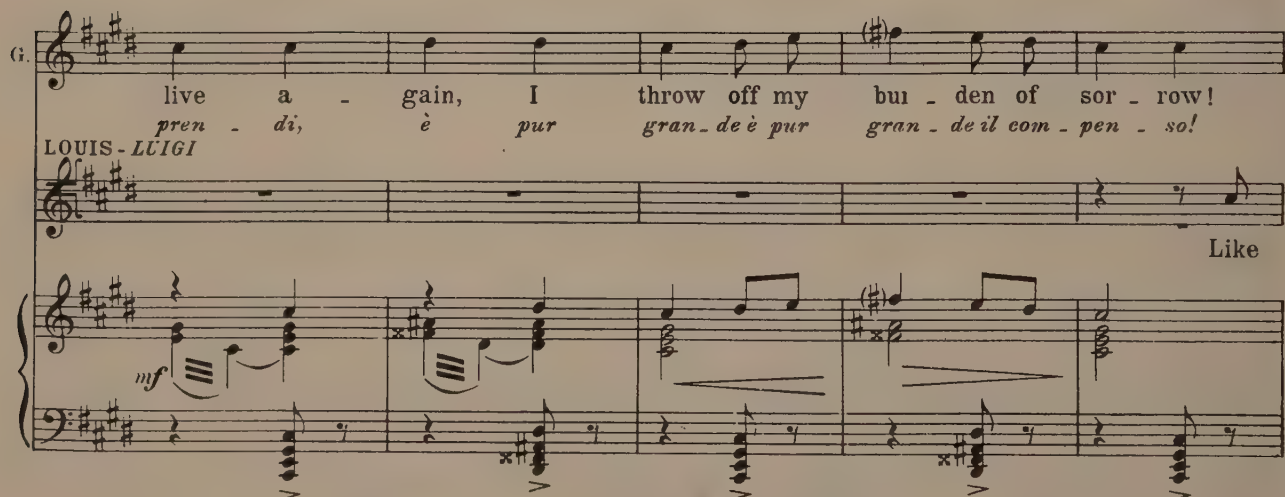
G. 

63 *lamentoso*

You are right! Like a poi-son, this
 Hai ra - gio - ne: è un tor - men - to, è un'an -

G. 

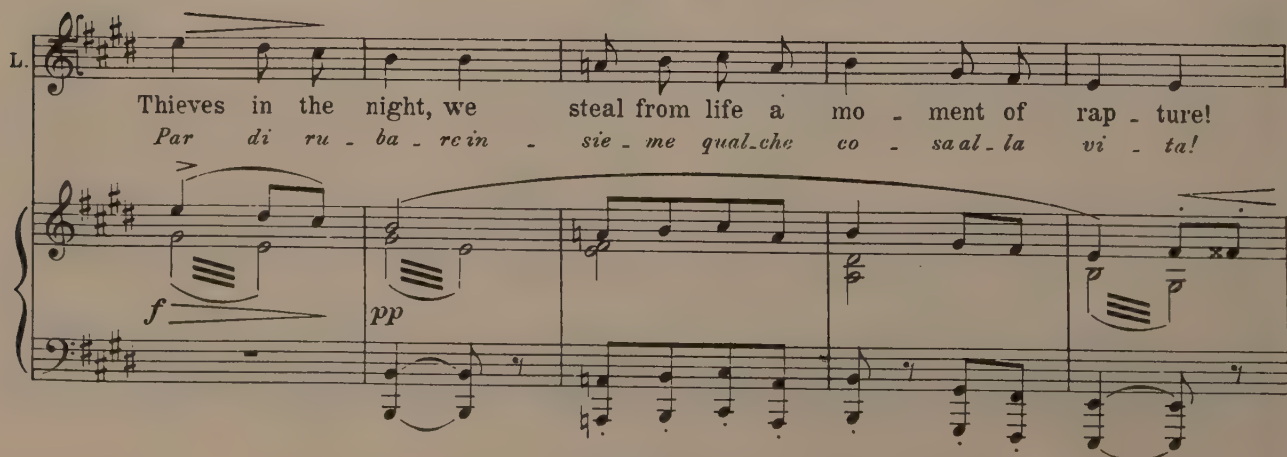
guilt and de-cep-tion But in your arms I
 - go - scia, u-na pe - na; ma quan - do tu mi

G. 

live a-gain, I throw off my bui-den of sor-row!
 pren - di, è pur gran-de è pur gran-de il com - pen - so!

LOUIS-LUIGI

Like

L. 

Thieves in the night, we steal from life a mo-ment of rap-ture!
 Par di ru - ba - re in - sie - me qual-che co - sa al-la vi - ta!

GEORGETTE-GIORGETTA

But rapture deep-ened by an - guish!
 La vo-lut - tà è più in - ten - sa!

mf 64

LOUIS-LUIGI

Sto - len joys, ——— all the sweet - er des - pite all fear and
 È la gio - - ia ra - pi - ta fra spa - si - mie pa -
cantando

p *cresc.*

GEORGETTE-GIORGETTA

For - bid - den love, ——— all the sweet - er...
 In u - na stret - - ta an - sio - sa...

L. *trem - bling...*
- u - re...
rit. a tempo

L. *be - cause of hid - den pleas - ure ... And*
Fra gri - da sof - fo - ca - ie E

poco rit.

pdolce

GEORGETTE-GIORGETTA

And words of se - cret pas -
E pa - ro - le som - mes -

L. *kiss - es nev - er end - ing!*
ba - ci sen - za fi - ne!

a tempo

G. *- sion...*
- se...

L. *And kiss - es nev - er end - ing!*
E ba - ci sen - za fi - ne!

allarg.

65 *a tempo*

ped. *

G. *geth - er... If we could go a -*
mes - se... Noi so - li, vi - a,

L. *You and I to - geth - er...*
D'es - ser so - li no - i...

mf *p*

3 3 3 3 3 3

G. *-way to some is - land!...*
vi - a, lon - ta - ni!

L. *To be a - way from the world and its*
Noi tut - ti so - li, lon - ta - ni dal
allarg.

cresc. *col canto*

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G. *No, you're mistak - en.*
(startled) No, non an - co - ra...

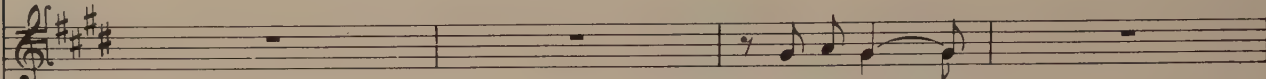
L. *mad - ness!*
mon - do!...

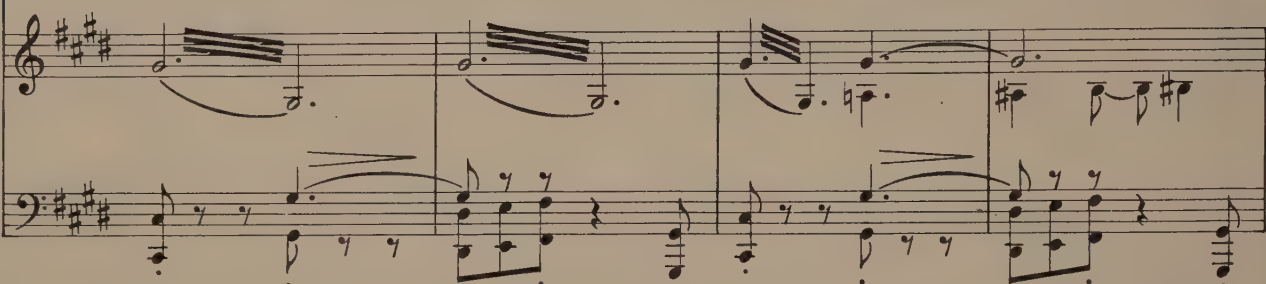
Michel?
È lui?

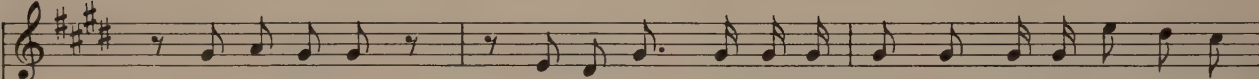
66 I. Tempo

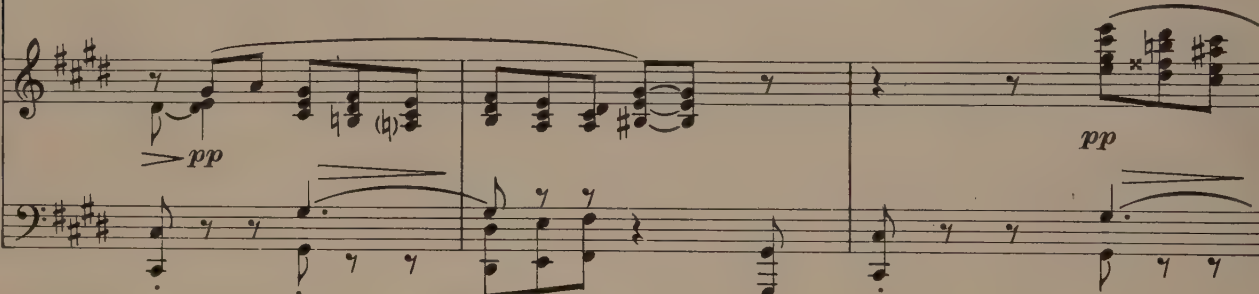
f *p* *dim.*

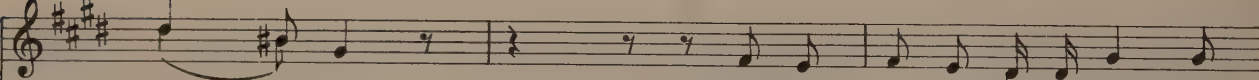
G.  Oh, my darling, you will come lat - er?
Dimmi che tor - ne - rai più tar - di... Now lis - ten:
A - scol - ta:

L.  In an hour. —
Si, fra un'o - ra...

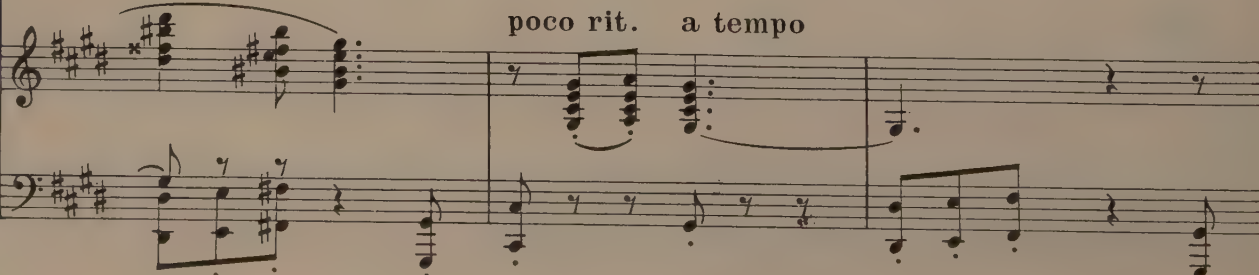


G.  as I told you, I will not remove the gangplank. You will qui - et - ly
co - me ie - ri la - sce - rò la pas - se - rel - la. So - no io che la



G.  steal a - cross... Walk on tip - toe and be care - ful.
tol - go... Hai le scar - pe di cor - da?

poco rit. a tempo



G. *LOUIS - LUIGI*

Yes... *Sì...* Lighting a match in the *il fiam-mi-fe-ro ac-*

Good. *Sì...* Will you give me the sig - nal? *Fai lo stes-so se-gna-le?*

67

poco rall. *Un poco meno*

pp *p*

G.

dark-ness! How it trembled in my hand, and the flame leaped and flick-ered in the
-ce-so! Co-me tre-ma-va sul brac-cio mio te-so la pic-co-la fiam-

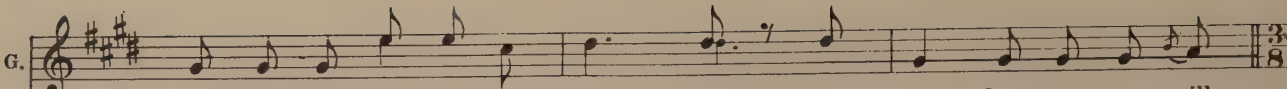
p *pp*

G.

night! It seemed to me I had lit a star in heav-en,
-mel-la! Mi pa-re-va d'ac-cen-de-reu-na stel-la,

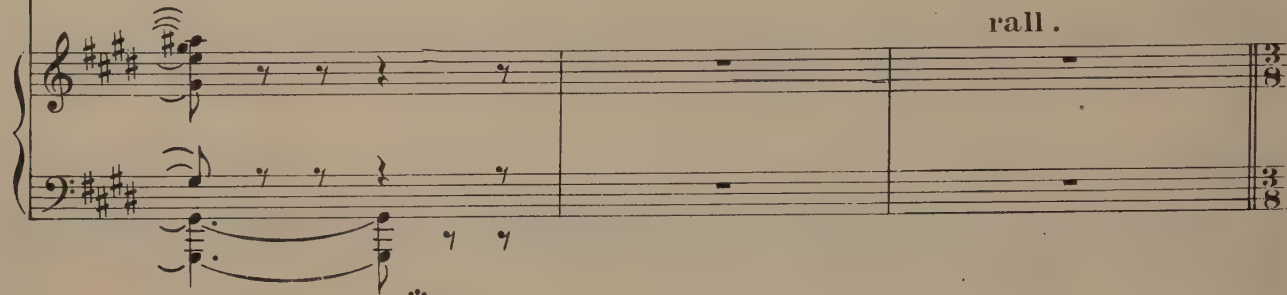
poco rall.

ppp *pp dolce*

G. 

bright as the flame of our pas - sion, a star that nev - er will
fiam - ma del no - stro a - mò - re, stel - la sen - za tra -

rall.

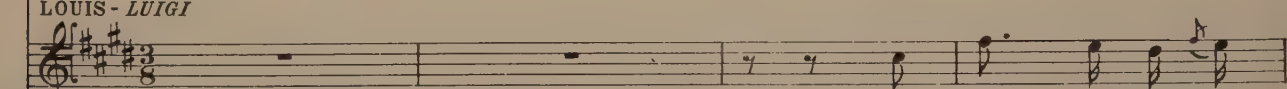


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G. 

dark - en!
- mon - to !...

LOUIS - LUIGI



I crave your sweet ca -
Io vo - glio la tua

68 Allegro moderato ♩ = 152 *Sost.*



p appassionato *f*

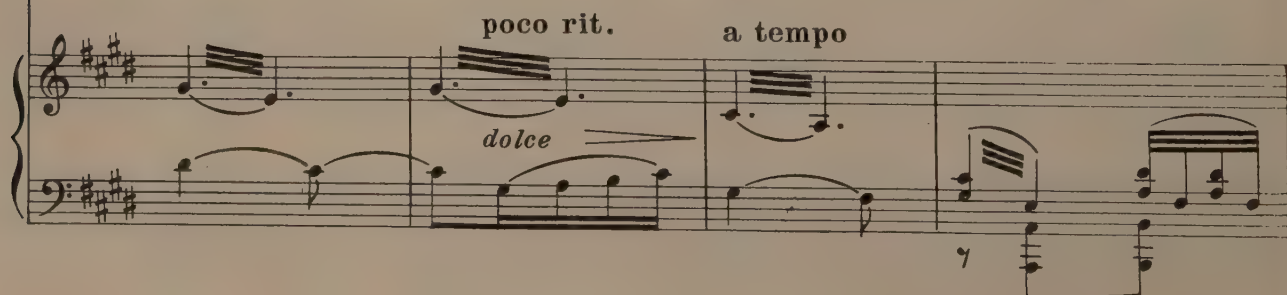
G. 

Tru - ly I know this
Dunque anche tu lo

L. 

-ress - es, I crave your ex - cit - ing kiss - es!
boc - ca, vo - glio le tue ca - rez - ze!

poco rit. a tempo



dolce

G. deep, mys - te - ri - ous at - trac - tion!
 sen - ti fol - le il de - si - de - rio!

L. Mys - t'ry of love's de -
 Fol - le di ge - lo -

69 rall:.....

cresc.

L. - sir - ing! My jeal - ous heart in - sists that
 - si - a! Vor - rei te - ner - ti stret - ta

con passione

Andante mosso moderatamente ♩ = 116

espressivo
p

L. none oth - er may pos - sess you! I'll not al - low that
 co - me u - na co - sa mi - a! Vor - rei non più sof -

con calore

L. *o - ther men approach or ev - er dare to touch you. I would con -*
-frir, non più sof - frir che un al - tro ti toc - cas - se, e, per sot -

cantando

p

con calore

L. *-ceal from all the beau - ty of your rad - iance. Georgette, be -*
-trar - re a tut - ti il cor - po tuo di - vi - no, io te lo

sostenendo

cresc.

L. *-lieve me, if you should ev - er leave me, in my rage I would*
giu - ro, lo giu - ro, non tre - mo a vi - bra - re il col -

f

(Georgette tries)
(Georgetta cerca)

70 *Sostenendo*

f

to calm Louis and, fearful, pushes him away as she glances towards the cabin)
frenare Luigi e impaurita lo allontana guardando verso la cabina)

L.

kill you, if I thought I should lose you it would drive me to
 - tel - lo, e con goc-ce di san - gue - fab-bri-carti un gio -

mordente rapido

allarg. molto

L.

mad - ness!
 - iel - lo!

ff *m.s.* *(tremolo)*

Red.

71 *sostenuto* *rall.*

p espressivo

p.

rall: sempre

ppp

GEORGETTE (sorrowfully presses her
hand against her forehead)

GIORGETTA (si passa penosamente
una mano sulla fronte)

(sighing)
(sospirando)

Ah, my love, shall we ev-er be
Co-me è dif-fi-ci-le es-ser fe-

G. hap-py?
-li-ci-!...

MICHEL (comes from the cabin carrying the lanterns, which are lit)
MICHELE (recando i fanali accesi, viene dalla cabina)

Why are you not in
Per-chè non vai a

72 Andante molto moderato $\text{♩} = 46$

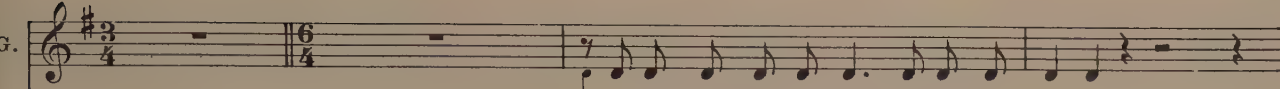
p
legato

G. And you?
E tu?

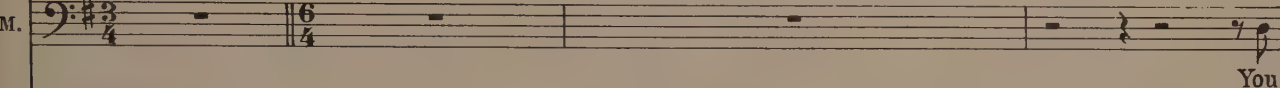
M. bed?
let-to?

I am not sleep-y...
No, non an-co-ra...

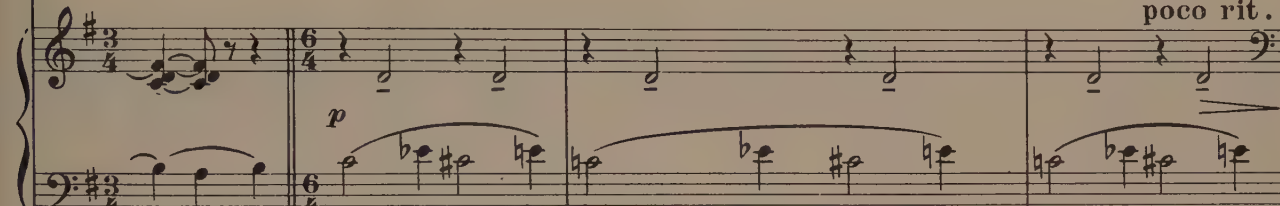
mf
pp

G. 

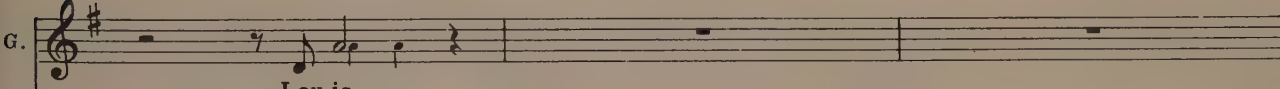
I think that you did well to keep him working.
Pen - so che hai fat - to be - ne a trat - te - ner - lo.

M. 

You
Chi



poco rit.

G. 

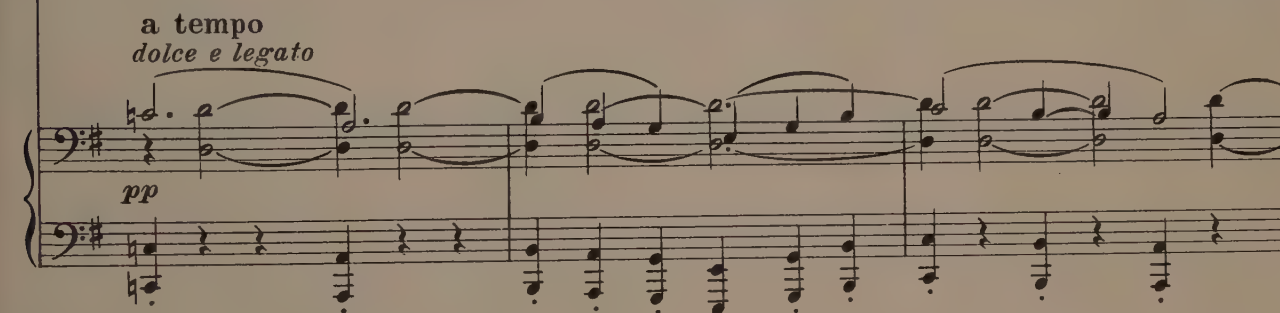
Louis.
Lu - i - gi.

M. 

mean?
mai?

I am not so cer - tain. I need
Forse ho fat - to ma - le. Ba - ste -

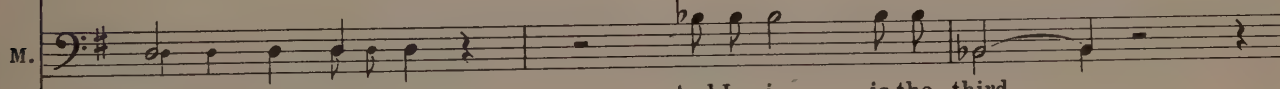
*a tempo
dolce e legato*



pp

G. 

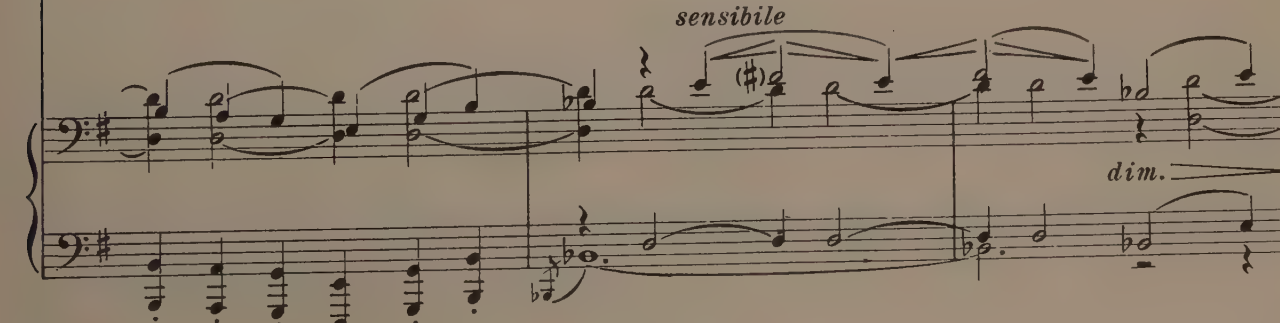
Then
Il

M. 

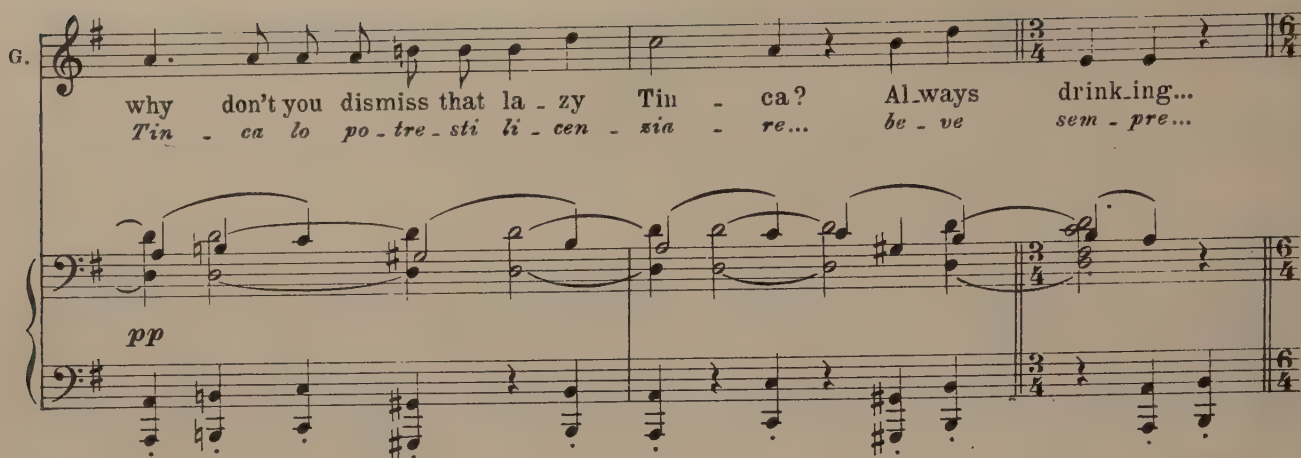
on - ly two men:
- ran - no due uo - mi - ni:

And Louis is the third. —
non c'è mol - to la - vo - ro.

sensibile



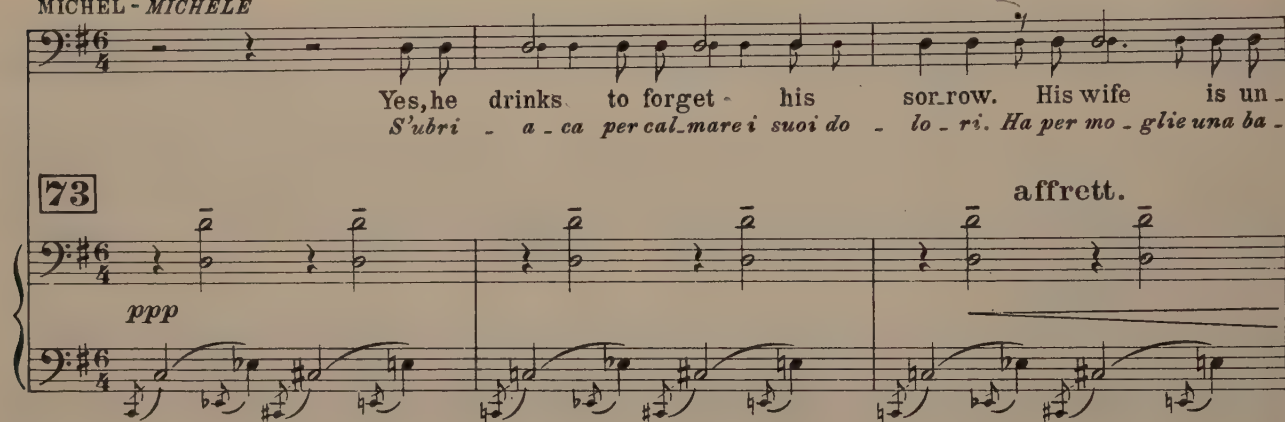
dim.

G. 

why don't you dismiss that la - zy Tin - ca? Always drink - ing...
Tin - ca lo po - tre - sti li - cen - zia - re... be - ve sem - pre...

pp

MICHEL - MICHELE



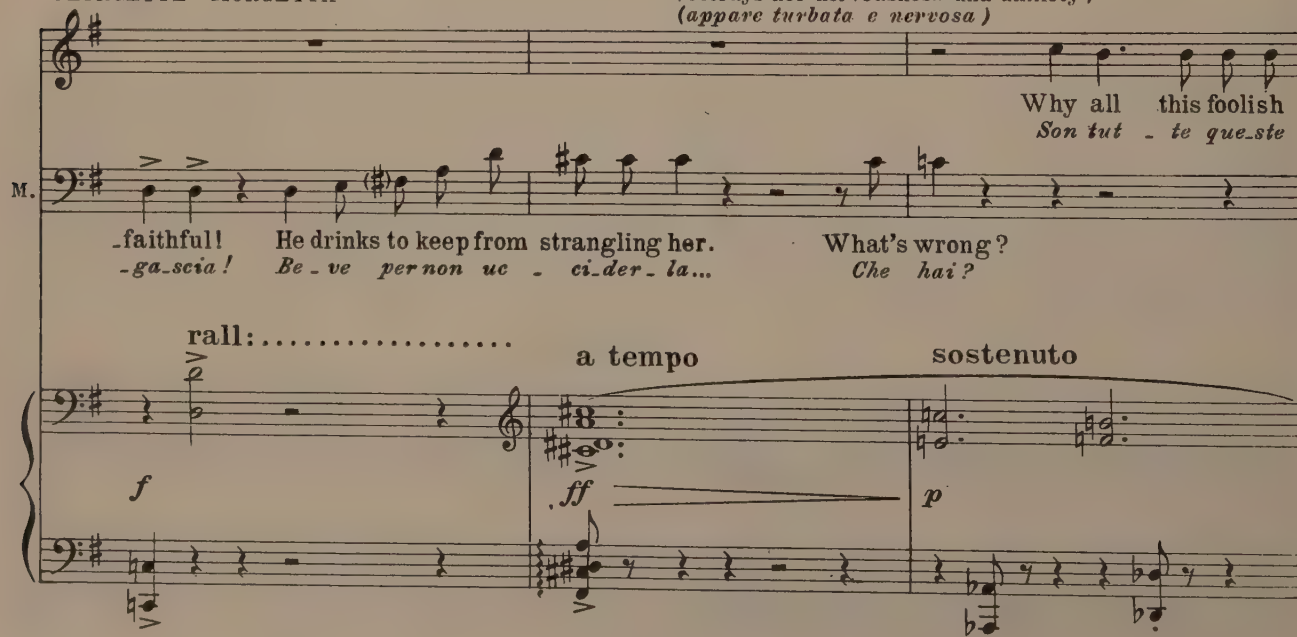
Yes, he drinks to forget - his sor - row. His wife is un -
S'ubri - a - ca per cal - mare i suoi do - lo - ri. Ha per mo - glie una ba -
affrett.

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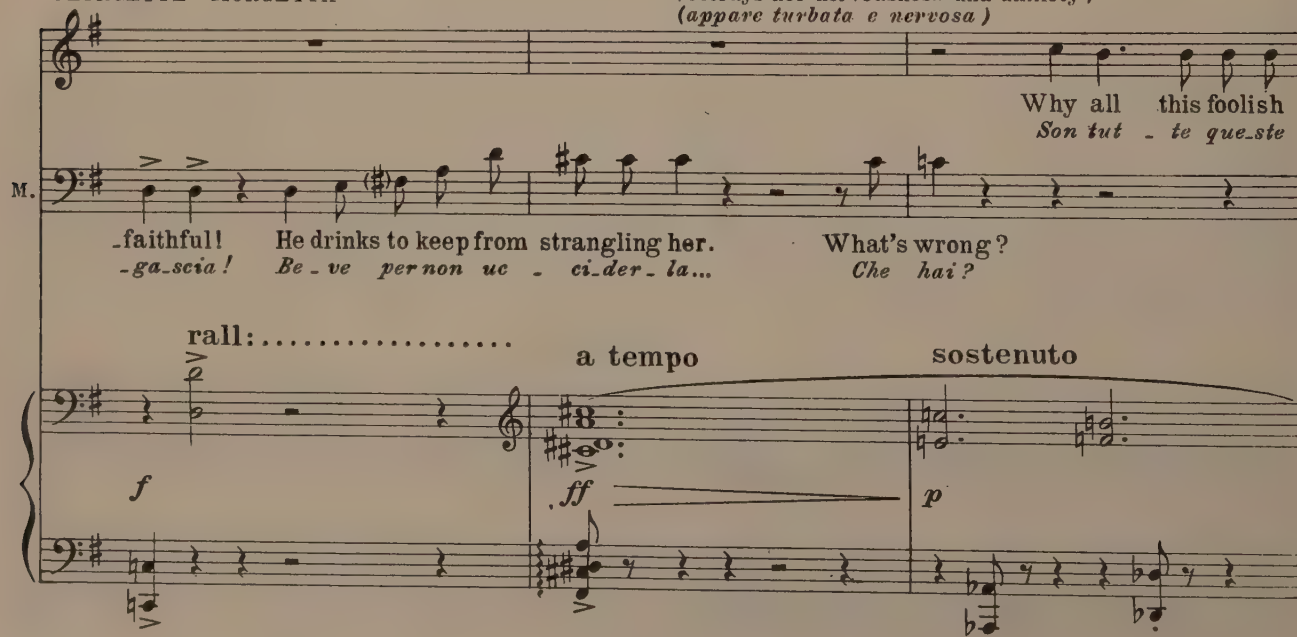
ppp

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

(betrays her nervousness and anxiety)
(appare turbata e nervosa)



Why all this foolish
Son tut - te que - ste

M. 

-faithful! He drinks to keep from strangling her. What's wrong?
-ga - scia! Be - ve per non uc - ci - der - la... Che hai?

rall: a tempo sostenuto

f *ff* *p*

G.

gos - sip? I real - ly don't care to hear it.
sto - rie... che a me non in - te - res - sa - no...

rall.

MICHEL (drawing close to Georgette, with emotion)

MICHELE (avvicinandosi a Giorgetta con commozione)
dolcemente triste

p

Geor - gette, you love me no
Per - chè, per - chè non m'a - mi

74 a tempo ma sostenendo

p
dolcemente
legato

p
dolcemente
legato

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

(coldly)
(con freddezza)

M.

You're wrong, I love you.
Ti sba - gli; t'a - mo...

more. But why?
più? Per - chè?...

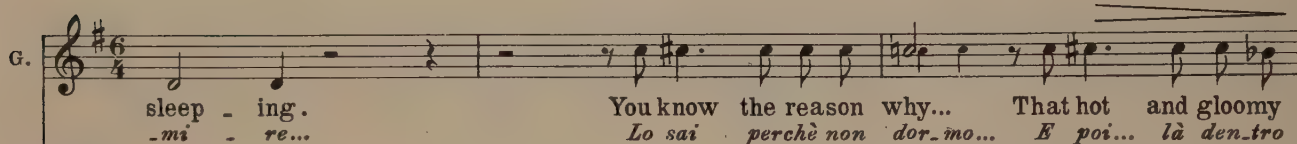
mf
dim.

mf
dim.

(as though to cut short the conversation)
(come per troncane il discorso)

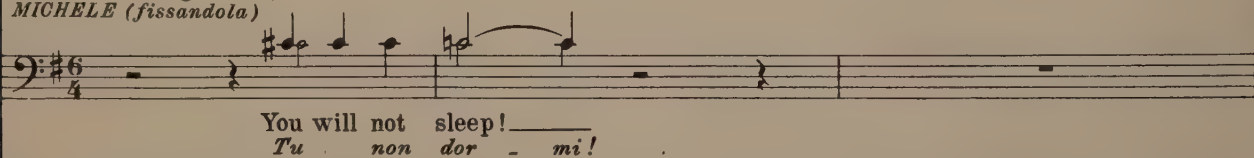
G. 

You are kind, and de - vot - ed... It is time we were
Tu sei buo - no e o - ne - sto... O - ra an - dia - mo a dor -

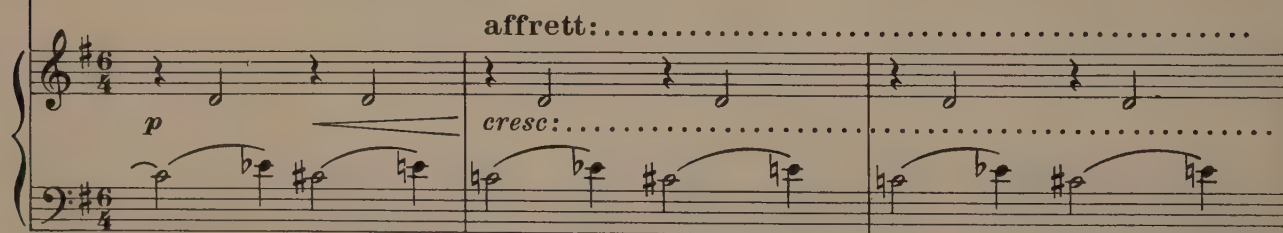
G. 

sleep - ing. You know the reason why... That hot and gloomy
- mi - re... Lo sai perchè non dor-mo... E poi... là den-tro

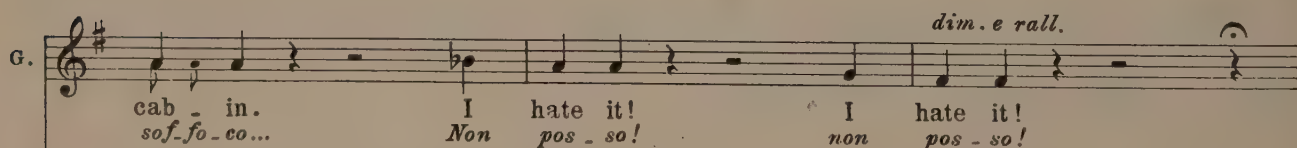
MICHEL (staring at her)
MICHELE (fissandola)



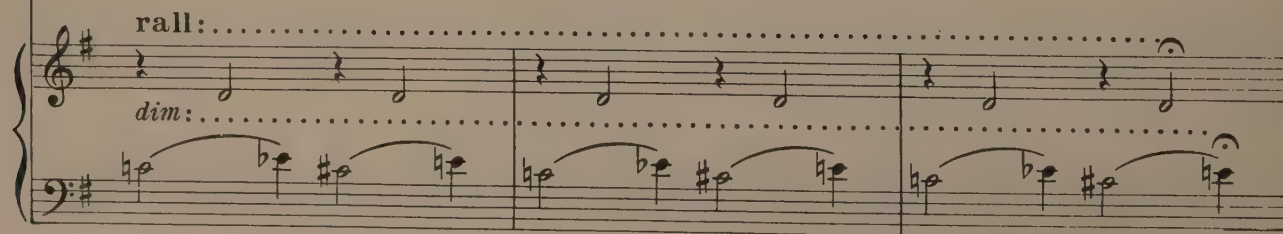
You will not sleep! —
Tu non dor - mi!



affrett:.....
cresc:.....

G. 

cab in. I hate it! I hate it!
sof-fo-co... Non pos-so! non pos-so!



rall:.....
dim:.....

MICHEL - MICHELE

dolce

Now the nights are so cool — and pleas — ant. It was
O — ra — le not — ti son tan — to fre — sche... F

75 a tempo, ma sostenendo

dolce
pp

*Ed. **

M. on — ly a year a — go in that lit — tle cab — in, we were hap — py, we
l'an — no scor — so là in quel ne-ro gu — scio e — ra — va — mo pur

rit.

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

(profoundly disturbed)
(sconvolta)

M. My lit — tle
Il no — stro

three. There in his cra — dle our ba — by lay dream — ing.
tre... c'e — ra il let — tuc — cio del no — stro bim — bo...

a tempo, ma più sostenuto

dim.
*Ed. **

G. *dar - ling! My poor ba - by!*
bim - bo! Tu - ci, ta - ci!... p

M. *You would sing him a song un - til he lay*
Tu spor - ge - vi la ma - no e to cul -

76 *Agitando un poco* *rall.* *rit.*

p *col canto*

M.

sleep - ing. Then, your hand in mine, we
- la - vi dol - ce - men - te, len - ta -

meno ancora

8-

pp

* * *

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA (with anguish) (con affanno)

M. *cresc.* Ah! say no more, Mi.chel: my heart is weep - ing.
Ti⁹ sup - pli.co, Mi - che - le: non dir nien - te...

sat so peace - fully and watched the shadows deepen.
- men - te, e poi sul braccio mio t'addor - men - ta - vi...

8- *cresc.* *f* *rall.* *dim.*

M. *p*

How man-y nights I re-mem - ber... when we drifted so calm - ly.
E - ra - no se - re co - me que - ste... Se spi - ra - va la brex - sa,

77 *sostenuto espressivo* *rall.*

p

3 5 5 6

M. *p*

I held you both en - fold - ed in my cloak as in a lov - ing em -
vi rac - co - glie - vo in - sie - me nel ta - bar - ro co - mein u - na ca -

Lentamente *Largo*
doloroso

p *pp*

pp

M. *p*

-brace. — Dim - ly, throughflowing dark - ness, I saw your gen - tle
- res - sa... Sen - to sul - le mie spal - le le vo - stre te - ste

piano

M. *fac - es, I felt you close be - side me, your warmth en - vel - oped my*
bion - de,... Sen - to le vo - stre boc - che vi - ci - no al - la mia

poco rit.

ppp

M. *be - ing. — In that lovely Sep - tem - ber, ah, my*
boc - ca — E - ro tan - to fe - li - ce, ah!

rit.

78 *Andante sostenuto*
dolce

col canto

p

M. *heart was light, my heart was light! Now that our ba - by's*
tan - to fe - li - ce!... O - ra che non c'è

poco allarg.

M. Ah, Mi - chel, my heart is weep - ing. Say no
Ah! ti sup - pli - co, Mi - che - le, non dir

dead, our life has lost its mean - ing. My hair is
più i miei ca - pel - li gri - gi mi sem - branounin -

a tempo

mf

Red. *

G. more Ah! no!
nien - te! Ah! no!

M. gray - ing and you are so young! Ah! my
- sul - to al - la tua gio - ven - tù! Ah! mi
allarg. a tempo

f

M. gray - ing hair of - fends your won - der - ful
sem - bra - no un in - sul - to al - la tua gio - ven -

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GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

M. *12/8*

Hush! Calm yourself, Mi-chel... I am
No... cal-ma-ti, Mi-che-le... Sono

youth! _____
-tù! _____

79 *calando*

ff *p*

G. *12/8*

wear - y, so wear - y. Come now... (roughly)
stan - ca... Non reg - go... Vie - ni... (aspro)

M. *12/8*

Yet you cannot sleep! You know full
Ma non puoi dormi re! Sai

mf *cresc.*

G. *12/8*

(surprised)
(sorpresa)

Michel, what makes you
Per-chè mi di-ci

M. *12/8*

well you will not sleep, you will not sleep to - night!
be - ne che non de - vi ad-dor-men-tar - ti!

mf

G. *say* *que* - - *that?* *sto?*

M. *I* *don't* *know.* *But* *I*
Non *so* *be* - - *ne...* *Ma*

dim.

2

M. *know* *so* *it* *has* *been* *long* *since* *you* *slept*
che è *mol* - *to* *tem* - *po* *che* *non*

calando

(tries to draw Georgette close to him)
(cerca di attirare Georgetta vicino a sè)

M. *sound - ly.* *dor - mi!*

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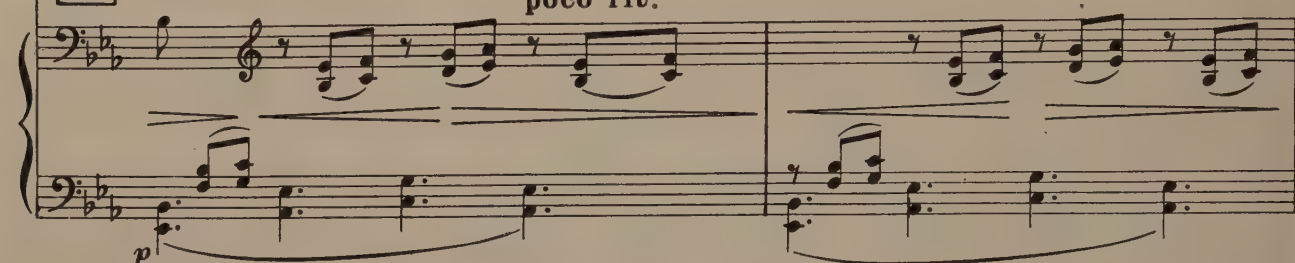
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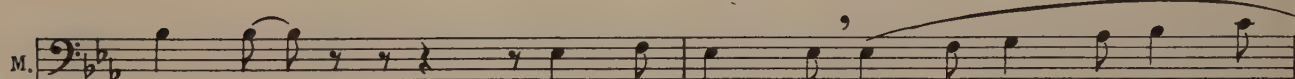
(with intense emotion)
(con intensa emozione)

M. 

Clos-er to me, Geor-gette! Do you re-
Re-sta vi-ci-no a me! Non ti ri-

[80] Andante moderato $\text{♩} = 46$ poco rit.



M. 

- mem-ber — oth-er nights and star-ry skies in oth-er
- cor-di — al-tre not-ti, al-tri cie-li ed al-tre

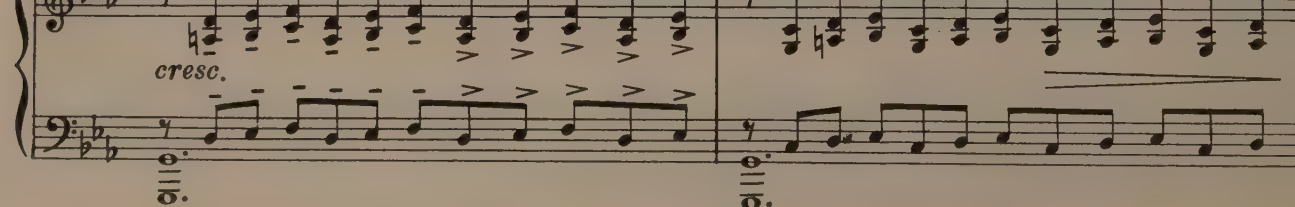
Oboe *dolce* 



cresc. 

plac-es? — Why so cold and so dis-tant? — Oh re-member the
lu-ne? — Per-chè chiu-di il tuo cuo-re? — Ti rammen-ti le

allarg. 

cresc. 

love.ly evenings on this boat, the tender mo - ments as we drift - ed so gen - tly.
o - re che vo - la - van via su questa bar - ca tra - sci - na - te dal - l'on - da?...

p

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

Must I re - mem - ber! Mem - o - ries bring but sor - row...
Non ri - corda - re... Oggi è ma - lin - co - ni - a...

Ah! Re -
Ah! Ri -

[81]

f *p*

turn, love, to me again. Re - turn, love, and free my soul from
- tor - na, ri - tor - na oo - me al - lo - ra, ri - tor - na unoo - ra

sostenendo rall. rit.

2

M. *sor - row, as when you loved me tru - ly, and filled my*
mi - a! quan - do tu m'a - ma - vi e ar - den - te -

[82] *dolce*

p

M. *heart with rad - iant joy and end - less rap - ture...*
- men - te mi cer - ca - vie mi bu - cia - vi... as when you loved me
quan - do tu m'a -

Corno e Cl're

poco allarg.

m.d.

poco rit.

M. *tru - ly! — Dar - ling, stay by my side! — The night is*
- ma - vi! — Re - sta vi - ci - no a me! — La not - te è

C. Ingl. e Arpa

rit.

m.d.

mf

f cresc. ancora

m.d.

GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

(concedingly)
(concedente)

A - las! we're
Che vuoi! S'in -

ten - der! ———
bel - la! ———

83

ff m.d. *dim.*

old - er! I'm no more the same. You too, Michel, have changed. Be -
- vec - chia! Non son più la stes - sa. Tu pu - re sei cambia - to... Dif -
poco rit.

p *sempre più piano*

(Distant church bells toll the hour)
(Da una chiesa lontana giungono i rintocchi delle ore)

- lieve me. Or do you doubt me?
- fi - di... Ma che cre - di?

MICHEL - MICHELE

I don't know... I don't know...
Non lo so nemmeno io!

Campana ———

rall:.....

pp *ppp*

led.

G. *Good night, Michel I am go-ing...
Buona not - te, — Miche - le...*

*I feel quite sleep-y.
Ca - sco dal son - no...*

M. *Very
Fal -*

(Georgette goes into the cabin)
(Giorgella entra nella cabina)

M. *well, then, Georgette. — I'll join you lat - er.
- lo - ra va pu - re; ti raggiun-go...*

perdendosi

(almost spoken)
(quasi parlato)

(He arranges the red, green and white lanterns in
their respective places on the barge)
(dispone i fanali rosso, verde e bianco, ai posti fis-
sati sul barcone)

M. *You harlot!
Sgual - dri-na!*

84 *Lento molto* $\text{♩} = 44$ *rall.*

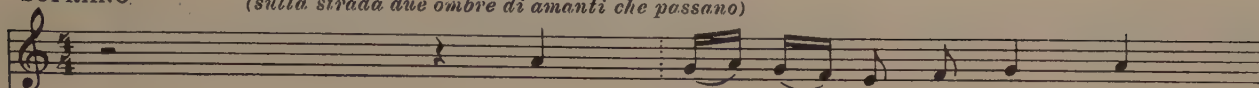
morendo *ppp*

Allegretto moderato $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ *del Lento, più sostenuto*

(In the shadows of the street, two lovers pass by.)

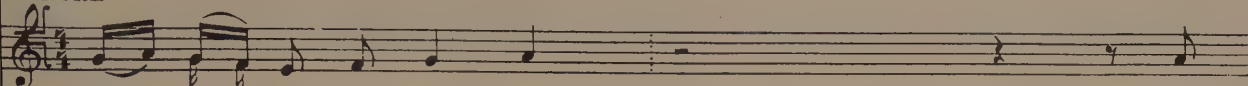
(sulla strada due ombre di amanti che passano)

SOPRANO



And kiss - es - not too spar - ing
E ba - ci - di ru - gia - da

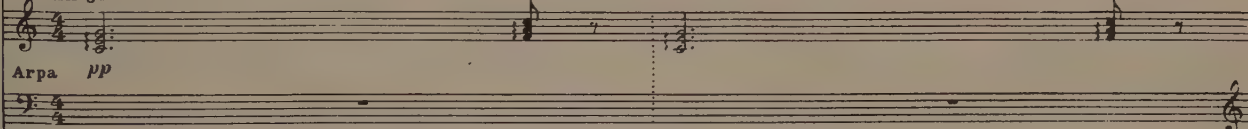
TENORE



Lips - so - sweet for kiss - ing...
Boc - ca di ro - sa fre - sca...

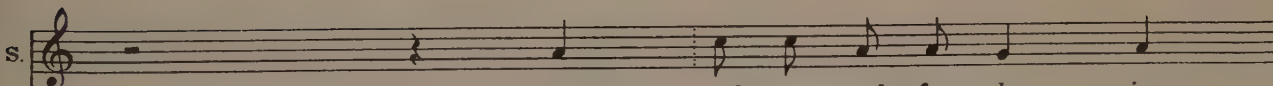
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Allegretto moderato

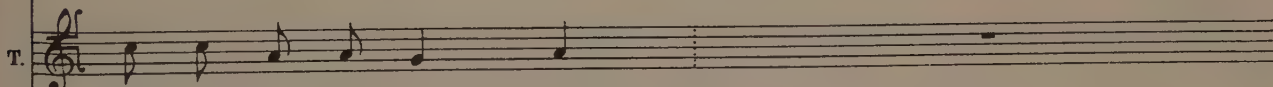


Arpa *pp*

Lento, più sostenuto



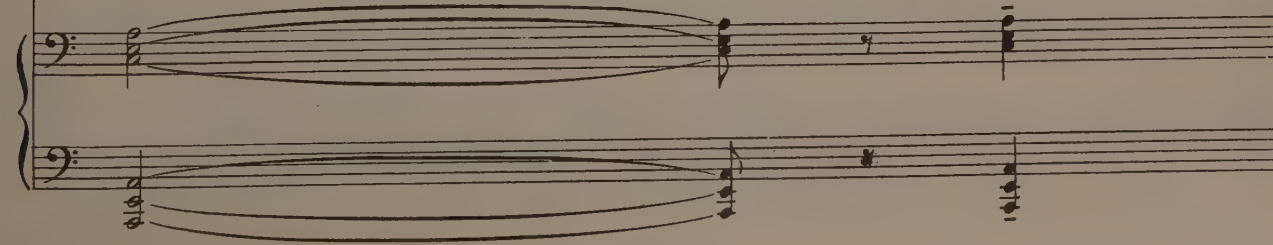
The night was made for shar - ing.
O pro - fu - ma - ta se - ra...



night grows old, be - lov - ed,
lab - bra pro - fu - ma - te...



ppp



S. *Seize the mo - ment... Till to -*
C'è la lu - na... A do -

T. *Love's pleas - ure we'll be tast - ing...*
la lu - na che ci spi - a...

Vni

Arpa

Fl.

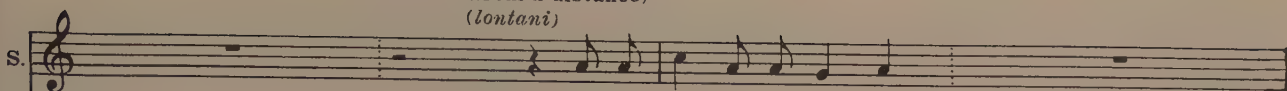
S. *- mor - row, be - lov - ed...*
- ma - ni, mio a - mo - re...

T. *The night is not for wast - ing.*
Do - ma - ni, a - man - te mi - a!...

Celesta

poco rit.

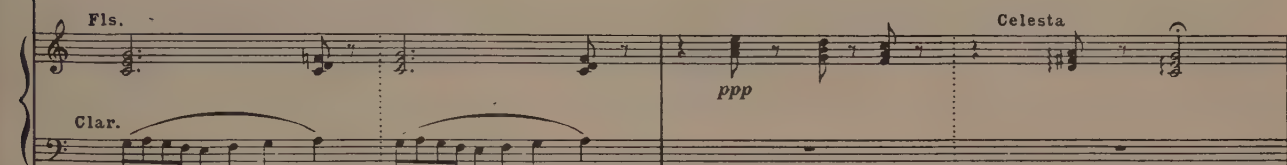
(from a distance)
(*lontani*)



Till to-mor-row, be-lov-ed...
A do-ma-ni, mio amo-re...



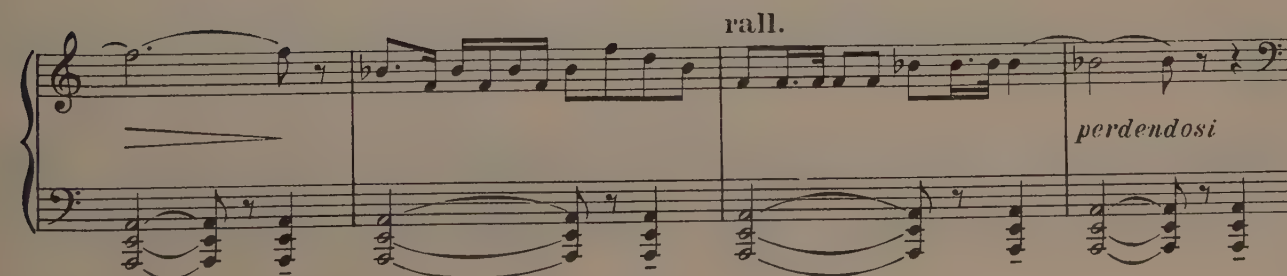
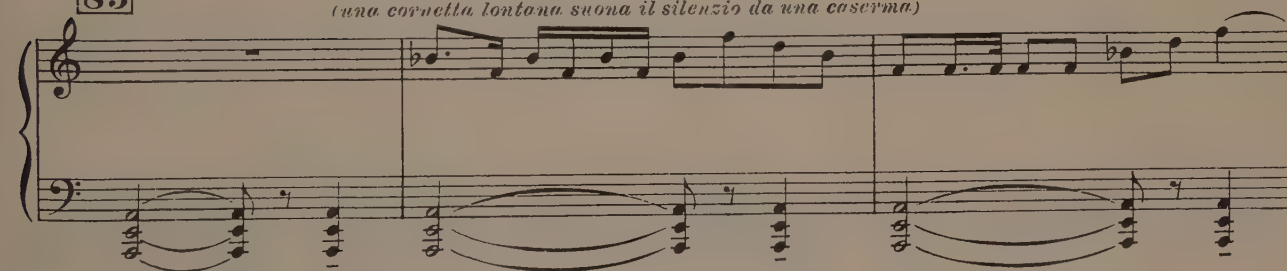
The night was made for shar-ing...
Do-ma-ni, a-man-te mi-a!



sostenuto

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(from a distant barracks a bugle is heard)
(una cornetta lontana suona il silenzio da una caserma)



MICHEL (Slowly, cautiously he approaches the cabin. He listens intently and says:)

MICHELE (*lentamente, cautamente, si avvicina alla cabina. Tende l'orecchio. Dice:*)

Si - lence! And
Nul - la! Si -

86 allargando

Andante grave ♩=54
misterioso

pp *p* *mf* *pp* *pp*

(He sidles along the wall and furtively glances within.)

(*strisciando verso la parete e spiando nell'interno.*)

M. sor - row! Ah, yes! She's still a - wake. I
- len - zio! È là! Non s'è spoglia - ta... non

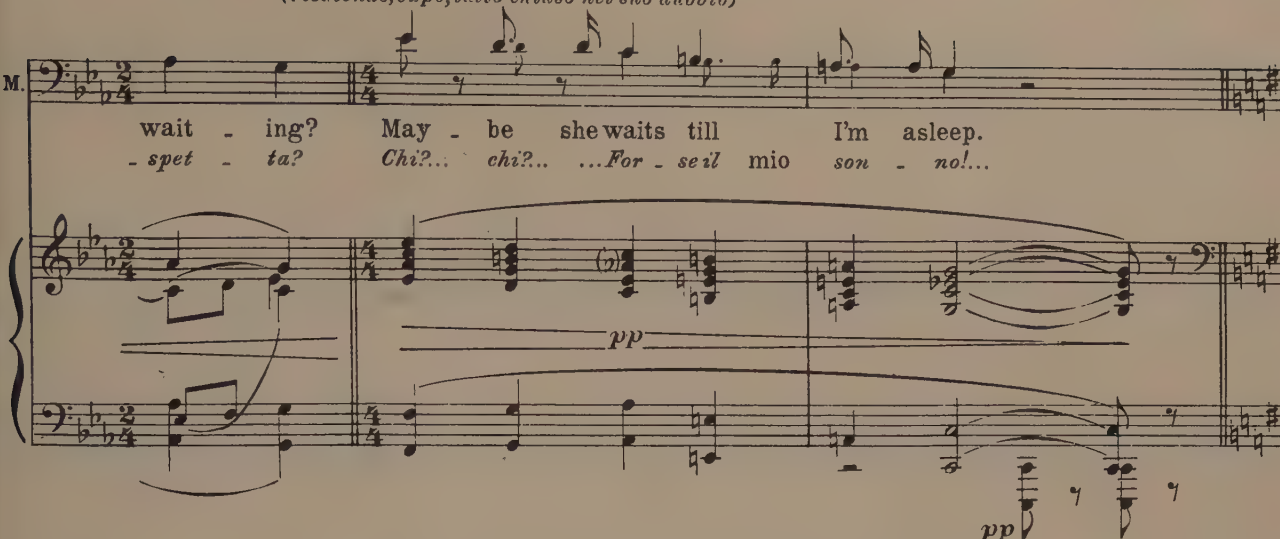
p

M. knew it well. She's wait - ing. Why? For whom is she
dor - me... A - spet - ta... Chi? Che co - sa a -

(shivering)
(*con un brivido*)

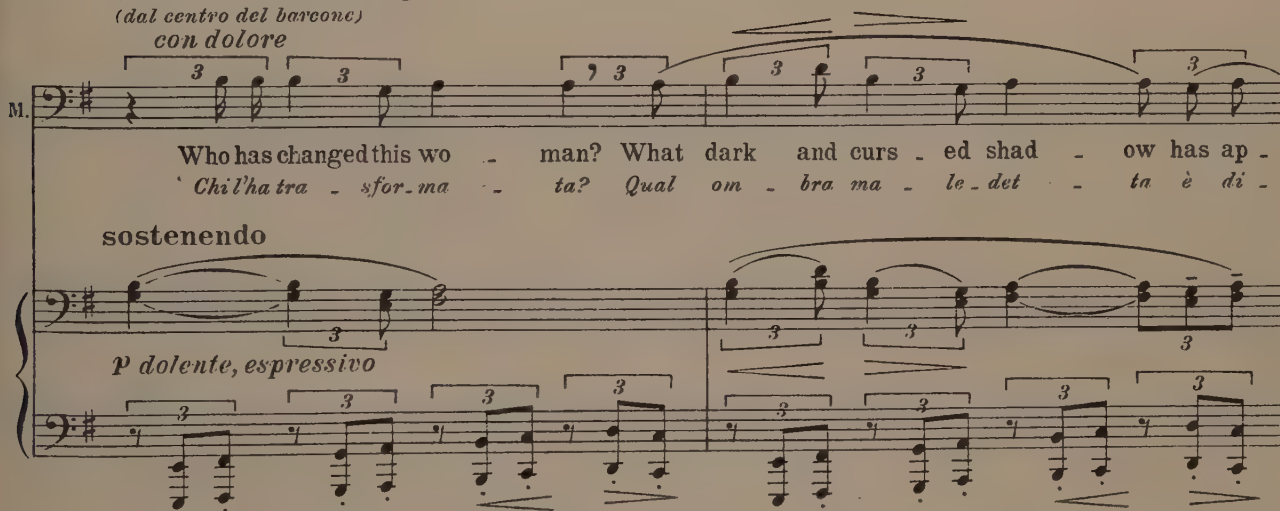
dim. *p*

(moves downstage, grim, tormented with doubt)
(risalendo, cupo, tutto chiuso nel suo dubbio)

M. 

wait - ing? May - be she waits till I'm asleep.
- spet - ta? Chi?... chi?... ...For - se il mio son - no!...

(from the center of the barge)
(dal centro del barcone)
con dolore

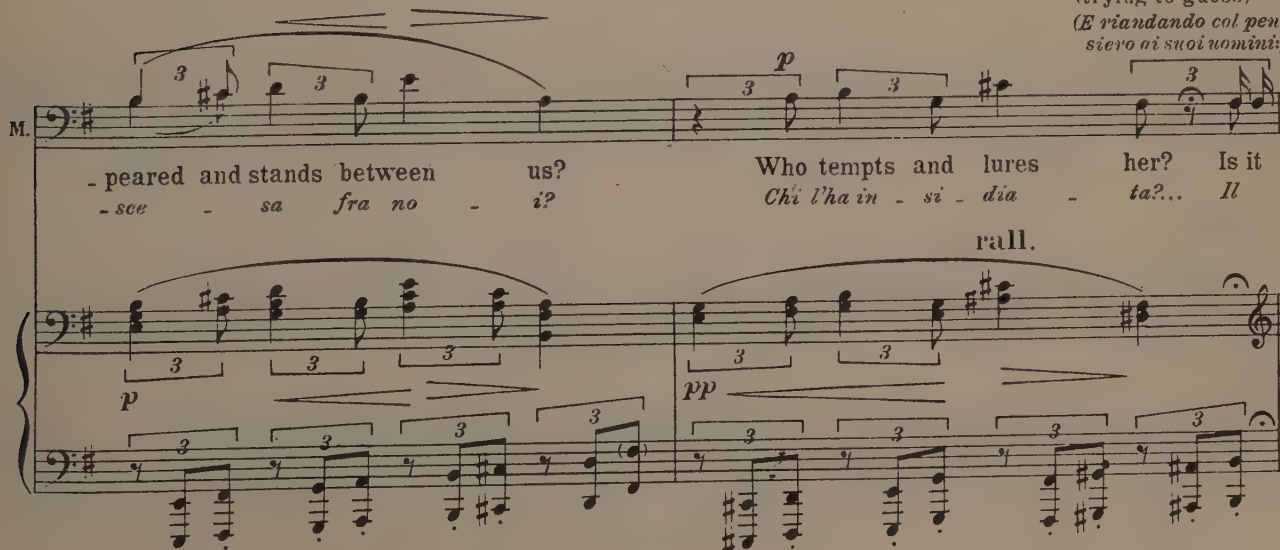
M. 

Who has changed this wo - man? What dark and curs - ed shad - ow has ap -
Chi l'ha tra - sfor - ma - ta? Qual om - bra ma - le - det - ta è di -

sostenendo

p dolente, espressivo

(trying to guess)
(E riandando col pen -
siero ai suoi uomini)

M. 

- peared and stands between us? Who tempts and lures her? Is it
- sce - sa fra no - i? Chi l'ha in - si - dia - ta?... Il

rall.

M. *Tal - pa? He's too old. Or is it Tin - ca? No,*
Tal - pa?... Trop-po vec-chio!... Il Tin - ca for - se? No...

**Meno
espressivo**

p come da lontano

pp

M. *no, She hates that drunkard. Then who's the man?*
no... non pen - sa... be - ve. E dun - que chi?

quasi a piacere

col canto

(breve pausa)

M. *Louis? No. He spoke this ver-y eve-ning as if he meant to leave me.*
Lu-i - gi... no... se pro - prio que-sta se - ra vo - le - va ab-ban - do - nar - mi...

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f

pp

M. *And he asked a fa_vor that I take him to Rou_en! But who is it? Who is it? Who can it*
e m'ha fat_to preghie-ra di sbarcar-lo a Rou - en!... Ma chi dun-que? Chi dun - que? Chi sa -

mf *f*

p *f*

M. *be? To tear a_way this dark - ness! To find him, to beat him, to crush him in my*
- rà? Squar-cia - re le - te - ne-bre!... Ve - de - re! E ser-rar - lo co-sì, fra le mie

p

M. *arms! And to shout: "It's you! It's you!,"*
ma - ni! E gri - dar - gli: Sei tu! Sei tu!...

6 *6* *p cresc.*

M. *3* *3* *3*

Yes, to shout at him: "You! ——— It's you!,,
E gri - dar - gli: Sei tu! ——— Sei tu!

6 *6*

M. *3* *3*

Ah! To see his liv - id face, which
Il tuo vol - to li - vi - do, sor - ri -

incalzando

mf cresc:.....

Celli *7*

M. *3* *3*

mocked my shame and my tor - ment! "It's you! It's you!
- de - va al - la mia pe - na! Sei tu! Sei tu!

f *p cresc:.....*

7

M. *You! Su! You! su! You!,, su! Oh, Di*

M. *come and face my hate which must de -*
- vi - di con me que - sta ca -

88 I. Tempo, ma meno grave

M. *- stroy you!... What*
- te - na! Tra -

M. *dark and cru - el fate binds us for -*
- vol - gi - mi con te nel - la tua

M. *- ev - er... sor - te...*

M. *Black a - byss we now de - scend to -*
giù in - siem nel gor go più pro -

M. *- geth - er! Oh,*
- fon - dol... Di -

M. come face my hate which must des -
 - vi - di con me que - sta ca -

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p *cresc.*

M. - troy you! The black a - byss we
 - te - na!... Ac - cu - mu - na la

cresc. *f* *sost.*

M. now en - ter to - geth - er! Your
 tua con la mia sor - te... La

ff

(He slumps down, completely
 overwhelmed.)
 (s'accascia sfibrato:
 la notte è buia)

M. death will end my an - guish!
 pa - ce è nel - la mor - te!

affrett. *allarg.* (lunga)

fff

Allegro vivo agitato ♩ = 208

Michel draws his pipe from his pocket and lights it.

Michele leva di tasca la pipa e l'accende.

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.....After a little while Louis, who has been waiting on the wharf for the signal.

.....Dopo qualche momento, Luigi, che stava in attesa del segnale sulla banchina, ...

.....runs across the gangplank and leaps onto the barge.

.....attraversa di corsa la passerella e balza sul barcone.

..... Michel sees the shadow, starts, and leans forward expectantly.

..... Michele vede l'ombra, sussulta e si mette in agguato;

..... He recognizes Louis.

..... riconosce Luigi.

MICHEL (In a flash he leaps at Louis and grasps him by the throat.)

MICHELE (di colpo si precipita e lo afferra per la gola:)

LOUIS (trying to free himself)

LUIGI (dibottendosi)

O my God! Let go!
Sanguedi Dio! Son pre - so!

caught you! col - to! Stop your shouting! Non gri - da - re! So you've Che ve -

f

That's not
Non è

come for ad - ven - ture? You're looking for your mis - tress?
- ni - via cer - ca - re? Vo - le - vi la tua a - man - te?

true! — It's a lie!
ve - ro! Non è ve - ro!

You li - ar! Con - fess it, con - fess it! You
Men - ti - sci! Con - fes - sa, con - fe - sa! Vo -

f *dim.*

LOUIS - LUIGI

Re - lease me, you
As - sas - si - no! Assas -

M. go there, a corpse in the riv - er!
ve - ro? Mor - to ci andrai, nel fiu - me!

cresc.

L. mur - d'rer!
- si - no!

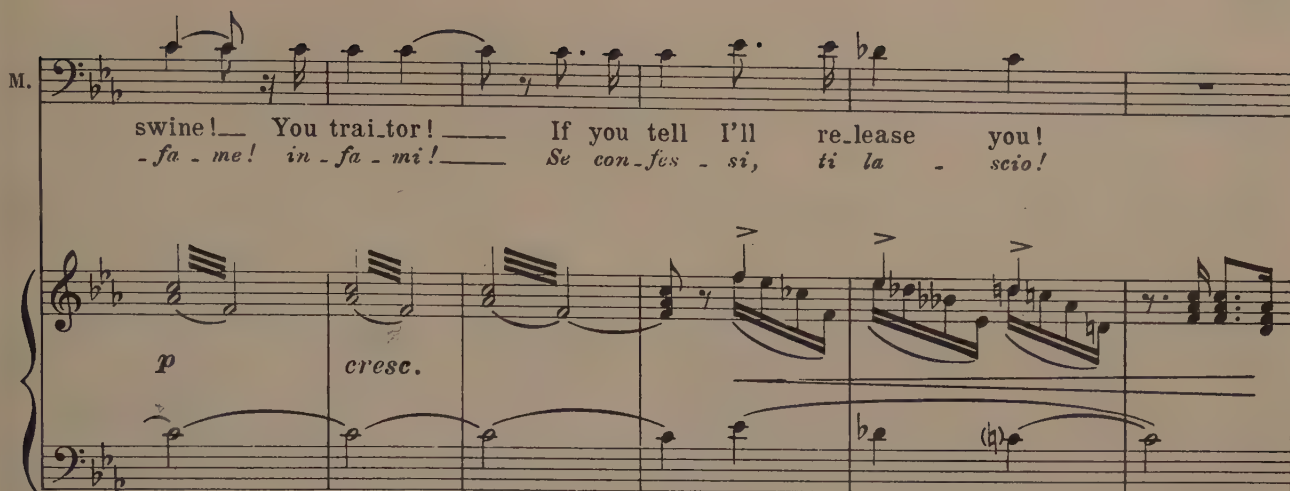
M. Ad - mit you are her lov - er! Con - fess it! Con -
Con - fes - sa - mi che l'a - mi! con - fes - sa! con -

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f cresc.

L. No, let me go! Let me go!
La - scia - mi, la - scia - mi, la - scia - mi!

M. - fess it!
- fes - sa! No! You
No! In -

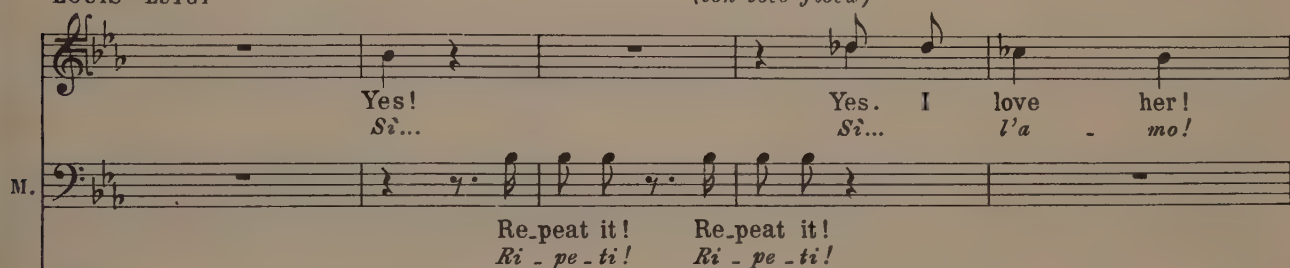
M. 

swine!— You traitor! — If you tell I'll re-lease you!
 - fa - me! in - fa - mi! — Se con - fes - si, ti la - scio!

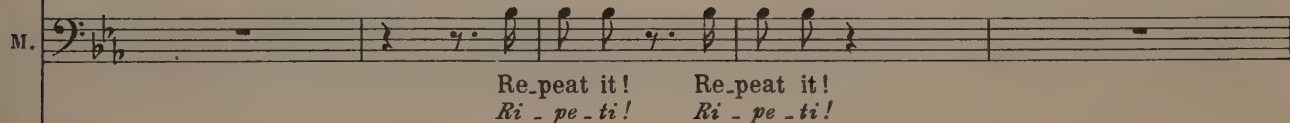
p *cresc.*

LOUIS - LUIGI

(with a hoarse voice)
(con voce fioca)



Yes! Yes. I love her!
Sì... *Sì...* *l'a - mo!*

M. 

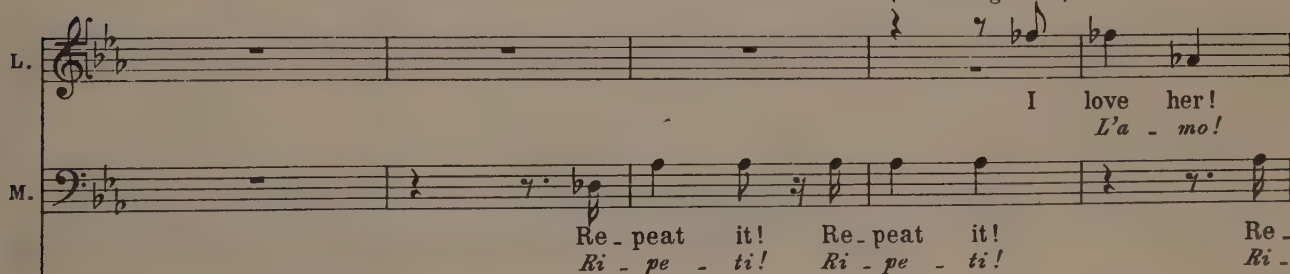
Re-peat it! Re-peat it!
Ri - pe - ti! Ri - pe - ti!

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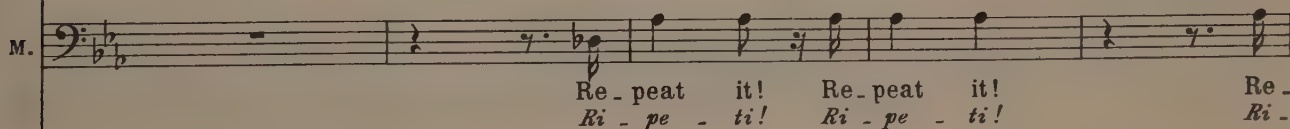


f *p* *pp*

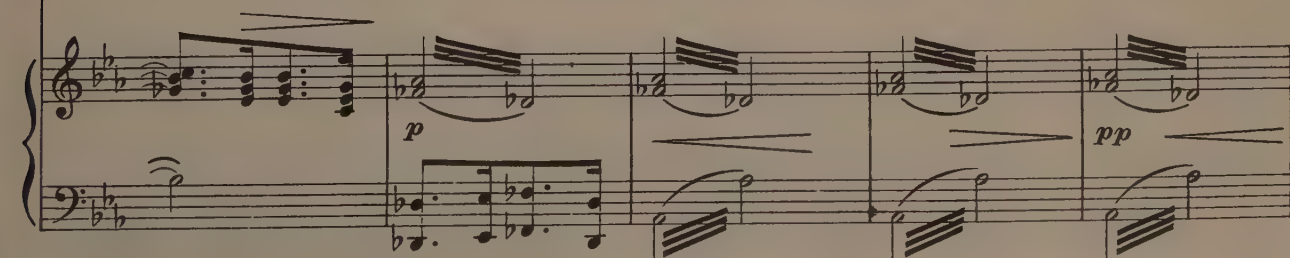
(like a groan)
(come un gemito)

L. 

I love her!
L'a - mo!

M. 

Re-peat it! Re-peat it! Re-
Ri - pe - ti! Ri - pe - ti! Ri -



p *pp*

(still weaker)
(più debole ancora)

L. 

M. 

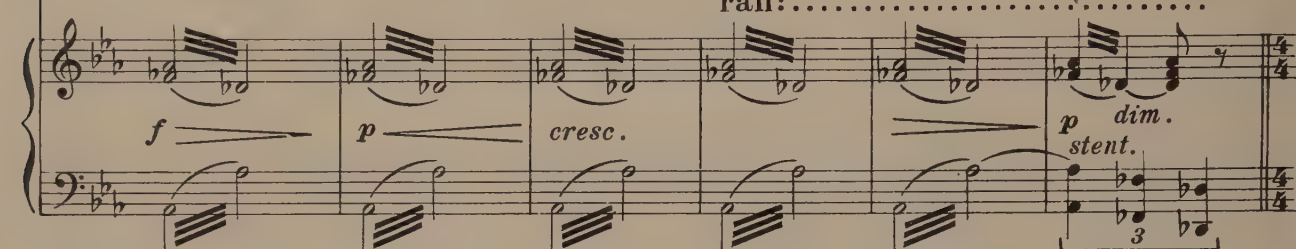
I love her!
L'a - mo!

-peat it!
-pe - ti!

Once more!
An - co - ra!

rall:.....

f *p* *cresc.* *p dim. stent.*



GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

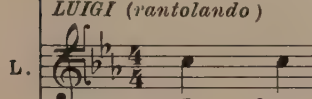
(from the cabin)
(dalla cabina)

LOUIS (like a death rattle)
LUIGI (vantolando)

Michel!
Miche - le!

Mi -
Mi -

(He continues to clutch Michel in the final contortion of death.)
(resta aggrappato a Michele in una suprema contorsione di morte)

L. 

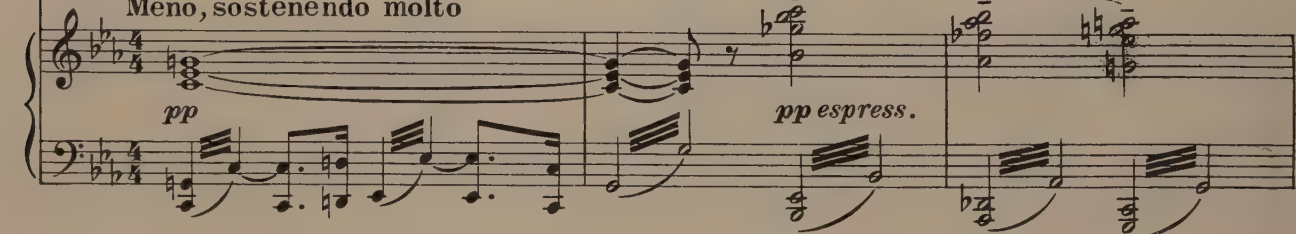
I love... Ah! _____
L'a - mo Ah! _____

decrecendo

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Meno, sostenendo molto

pp *pp espress.*


(opens the cabin door)
(apre la porta della cabina)
a mezza voce

G. 

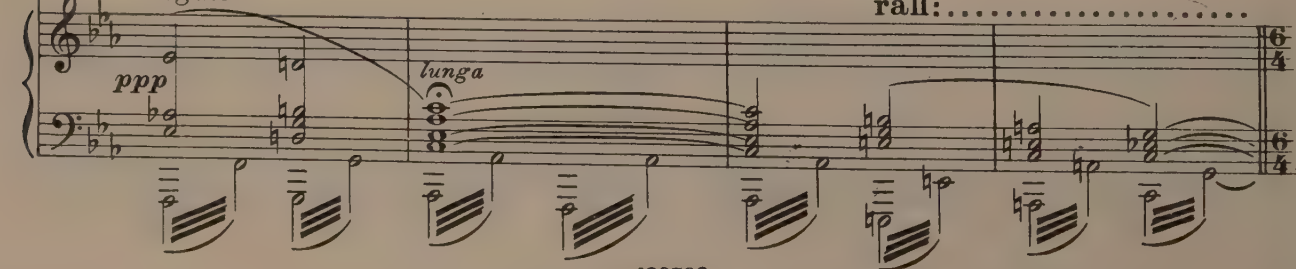
-chel!
-che - le!

I'm so frightened, Mi - chel.
Ho pa - u - ra, Mi - che - le...

MICHEL (Hearing the voice of Georgette, Michel quickly wraps his cloak around Louis' corpse. With the body still in his arms, he sits down.)
MICHELE (sentendo la voce di Georgetta, rapidamente avvolge nel tabarro il cadavere di Luigi aggrappato a lui, e si siede)

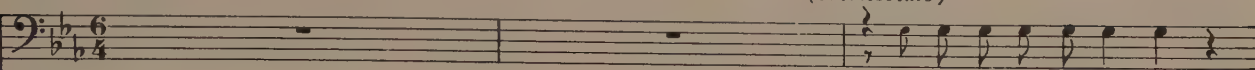
legato *rall:.....*

ppp *lunga*



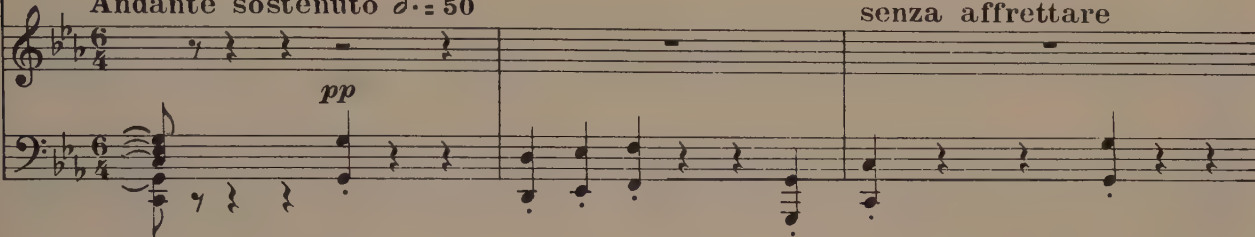
(Georgette slowly approaches Michel, looking around anxiously.)
 (Giorgetta s'avvicina lentamente a Michele, guardando intorno
 con ansia)

(with great calm)
 (calmissimo)

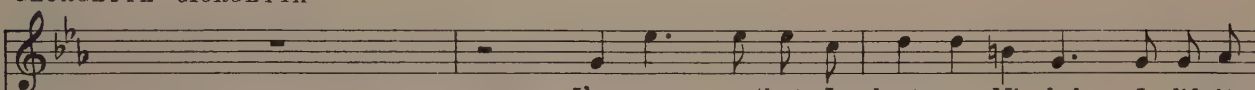
M. 

97 Andante sostenuto $\text{♩} = 50$ *pp*

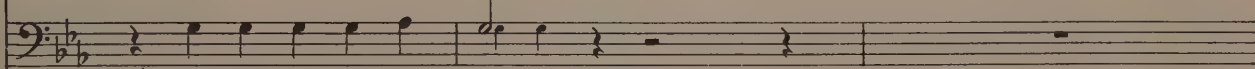
I was not mis.tak-en.
 A-ve-vo ben-ra-gio-ne:
 senza affrettare



GEORGETTE - GIORGETTA

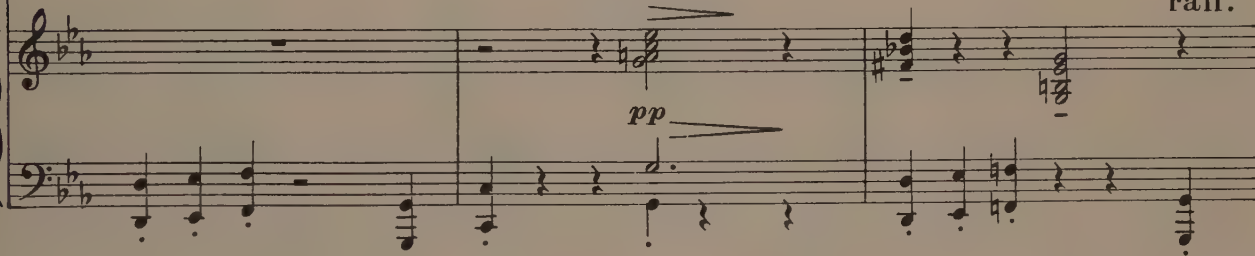


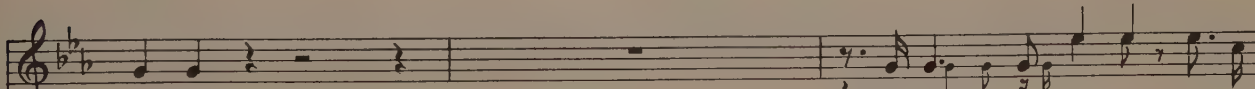
I'm sor-ry that I hurt you, Mi.chel, I didn't
 Son pre-sa dal ri-mor-so d'a-ver-ti da-to

M. 

You did not go to sleep.
 non do-ve-vi dor-mi-re...

sostenendo *pp* *rall.*



G. 

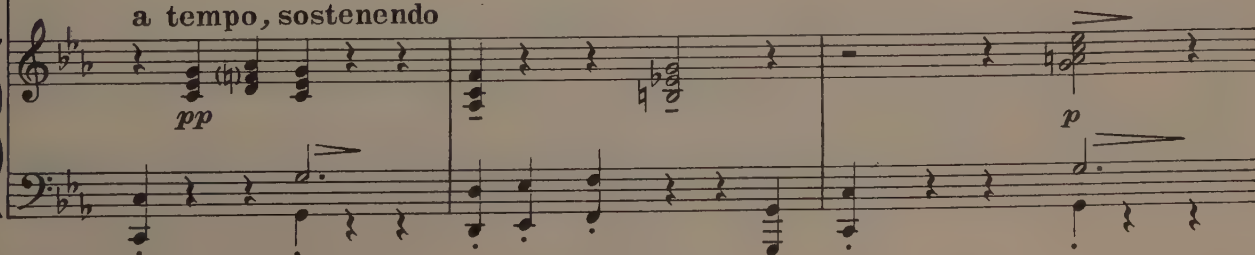
mean to.
 pe-na...

You're right... I'm sor-ry, I was
 Ec-co... è que-sto... hai ra-

M. 

It was noth-ing... you are moody...
 Non è nul-la... i tuoi ner-vi...

a tempo, sostenendo *pp* *p*



(coquettishly)
(insinuante)

G. *thoughtless. Tell me that you for - give me. Shall I sit here be - side you?*
-gio - ne... Dim. mi che mi per - do - ni... Non mi vuoi più vi - ci - na?..

espressivo *rall.*

p

G. *MICHEL (in a terrible voice)* *MICHELE (terribile)*

dolcemente *ten.*

Close be - side you, beside you...
Si, vi - ci - na, vi - ci - na...

Where? Un - derneath my cloak?
Do - ve?... Nel mio ta - bar - ro?

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*a tempo, ma sostenendo**rall.**rall. col canto*

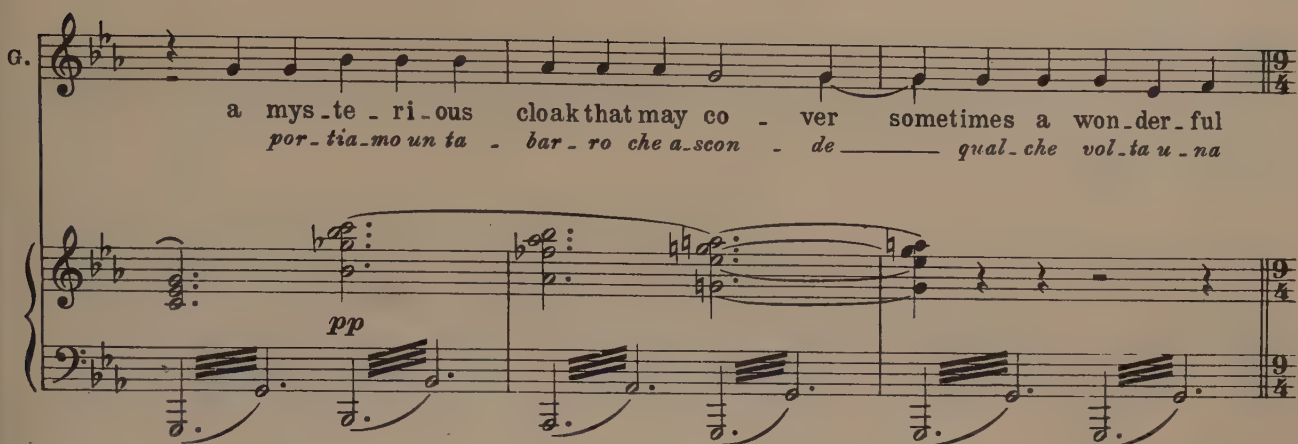
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G. *You know... Si... you always told me; All of us car - ry*
Mi di - ce - vi un tem - po: "Tut - ti quan - ti

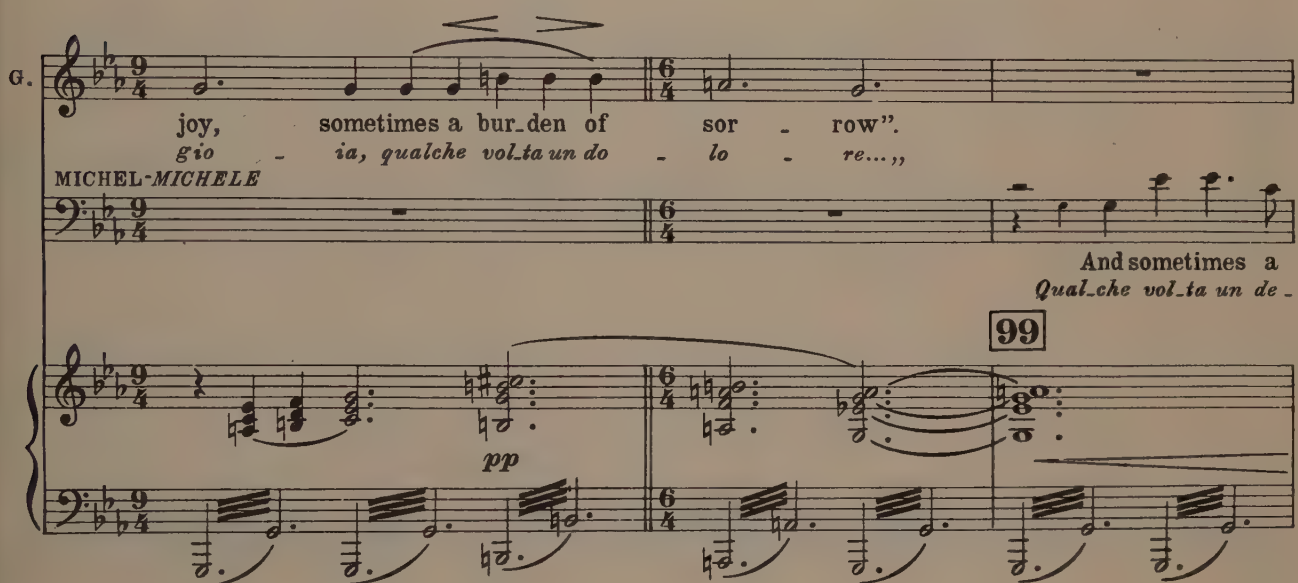
..... rall. sempre.... a tempo

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G. 

a mys-te-ri-ous cloak that may co-ver sometimes a won-der-ful
 por-tia-mo un ta-bar-ro che a-scon-de — qual-che vol-ta u-na

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G. 

joy, sometimes a bur-den of sor-row".
 gio-ia, qualche vol-ta un do-lo-re...,,

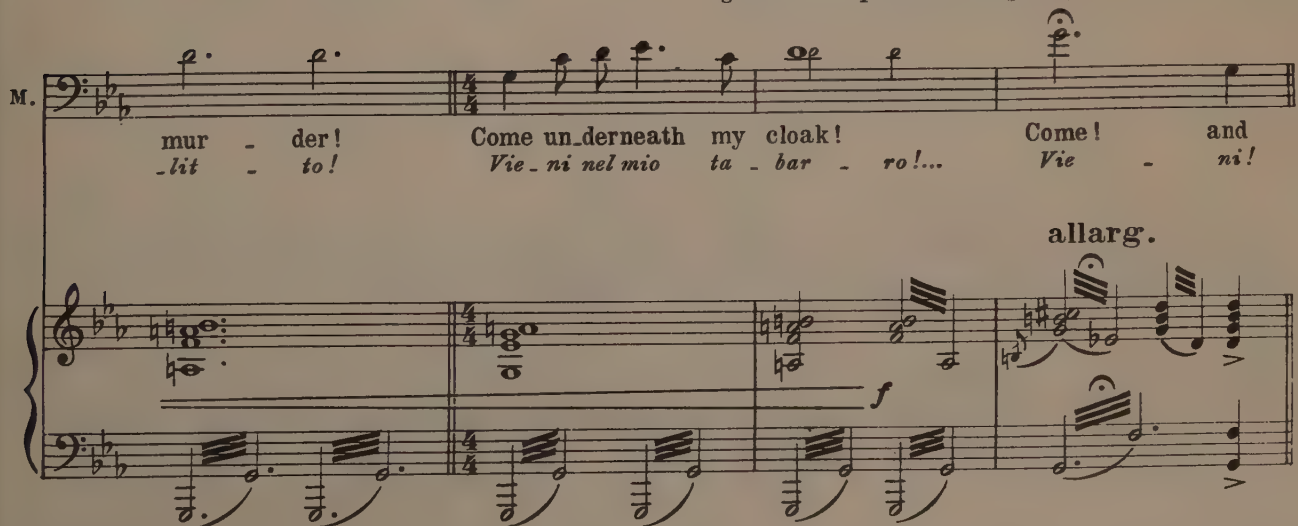
MICHEL-MICHELE

And sometimes a
 Qual-che vol-ta un de-

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(He stands up in a towering rage. He opens his cloak.
 Louis' corpse rolls at the feet of Georgette.)
 (Si erge terribile: apre il tabarro-il cadavere di Lui-
 gi rotola ai piedi di Georgetta)

M. 

mur-der! Come un-derneath my cloak! Come! and
 -lit-to! Vie-ni nel mio ta-bar-ro!... Vie-ni!

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allarg.

GEORGETTE
GIORGETTA

(with a dreadful cry and retreating in terror)
(gridando disperatamente e indietreggiando di terrore)

grido

Ah! —
Ah! —

(He grabs Georgette and, thrusting her down, forces her face against
the face of her dead lover.)
(afferra Giorgetta, la trascina e la piega contro il volto dell'a-
mante morto)

M.

see. —
Vien! —

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Mosso (selvaggio) ♩ = 120

tutta forza

poco allarg.

poco string:.....

allarg:.....allarg. molto



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